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Initially I had a focused target in mind, but I realized that you can not isolate a group of people without involving others. If you pull the big carpet, everyone else standing on it falls too.

Maybe I have nothing much against you mild folks, who sort of believe, or who believe only on Sundays. However, due to the tangled nature of things, I will proceed this way. Even though my initial focus was religion and faith – I have also attacked many other subjects.

I encourage you, the reader, to do your own research, do not take my word as absolute truth, but rather a starting point, just a collection of ideas to stimulate thinking, imagination, or even to strengthen your own faith. Form your own ideas, make up your own mind however you wish.

I credit my work to all the believers and non-believers of this world, all the documentaries, comedians, and great shows I have been able to watch, I give alms to all the open-minded intellectuals, atheists, agnostics, skeptics, researchers, historians, archaeologists, and I could go on and on. I also take this moment to reflect upon my people from both worlds; mighty warriors, kings, queens, craftsmen, mothers, and survivors who made it possible for my existence today in this world.

I will not feel bad or apologize for what I have written, and here is why: chances are if I've written something then I've thought about it – so whether I write it or not, I still thought it. But I need to write things down somewhere so I can remember what I thought, and I will not apologize for my thoughts. It's as simple as that.

If you would like to give me feedback, please do so through email or any other method you like. Constructive criticism, disagreements and questions are welcome as well. Please read my [General Q & A](#) next for a quick and short introduction to everything.

Cheers. (smiley face)

General Q & A

I thought I'd include a simple guide, a 'Questions & Answers' kind of thing to help improve your experience, and to ensure some clarity. Its also like a quick intro.

- (1) “What is this all about?” ~ A while back, I faced some challenges, concerning faith and beliefs, so I decided to write down all my ideas to help me remember who I was. And now, perhaps I can inspire ideas, and a thought process that leads to a better quality of life. At first I was only writing for myself, but I figured, there must be others in similar situations that I can share my ideas with.
- (2) “Whats with the 'vendetta' thing?” ~ See, lots of Deities, apparently, chose to write or write through others (because radio or television broadcast is still alien technology to us), so my weapon against them is words, that is, my written material. This is my reply to them and those who take advantage of the power behind the ideas of gods and mythology. But generally I do not advocate violence, I prefer arguments and debate. Rebel against the establishment, against the norms, against the traditions, against ignorance, against making profit from suffering, against religion, against oppression of women, against racism, and so on.
- (3) “Don't you offend people when you write the things you write here?” ~ Getting offended means – you chose to let an arrangement of words, in a given language, after you read them or heard them, to control your emotional state of mind, and as a result you have surrendered your power to those collection of words. And now we are here to push the swing so you can stop crying. Do people win debates or graduate university by declaring that their feelings have been hurt? Well don't worry, if

everyone's playing the 'feelings' card, then I will be telling you in detail how my feelings are hurt in the course of the whole book.

- (4) Am I attacking Christianity? ~ Yes and no. Yes because I am very familiar with Christianity, so naturally, when I speak against it, one might be tempted to say that I am attacking it. I attack faith and belief in general as well. In fact, I attack everything I have a problem with (see [My Vendetta](#)).
- (5) “But my faith is my faith, and its immune to logic and science.” ~ Sure, your faith is your faith. As long as you keep your faith in your pocket or wherever you keep it in, then, we wont have any problem, and we can all be happy happy. But as soon as you want to share your faith with me, and insist that if only I knew Jesus, or that I should get saved – then I will be forced to respond with science, rational arguments, and common sense to defend myself against you and you faith.
- (6) “But my God is very powerful, and all-knowing, and stuff, so your physics and logic wont affect me.” ~ Are you're trying to imply that your invisible master of the universe is so cool that he/she/it cant be even measured? Are you saying that he/she/it is outside this universe and the laws of physics? Are you saying that all you need to do to believe is close your eyes, and / or read some ancient magic book written by people who didn't even know that micro-organisms existed?
- (7) “Religion brings joy and comfort to millions, and we shouldn't take that away from them.” ~ Lets get something clear – I am not advocating that we force people out of their beliefs or that we make it illegal for people to go to church, not at all. But we should be honest with ourselves and those around us. Whether something is useful or not doesn't prove thats its true or not. For example, you can watch a romantic film and that film can make you feel nice, but it does not mean the film is true. It could have been totally made up (many films are).

- (8) “Are you an atheist?” ~ Again with the name-calling. If it helps you feel better or if you must call me something, sure. But I prefer 'non-believer'. Labels sometimes make us simply associate things that do not relate to the term. Before you go off dismissing people as this or that, make sure you know what those term and labels mean. What does the word 'atheist' mean?
- (9) “But science can not answer the important questions like 'why are we here' and 'where did we come from', it only offers theories.” ~ I have dedicated a lot of content in this book that touch that issue (see [Bad reasons](#), [Shit-list](#), [Middle world](#), [My problem with the genesis creation myth](#)). But let me say something; has science not provided you with medicine that you have gladly used at some point in your life? Where does all the technology come from? All those fancy gadgets you use, and that thing we call electricity.
- (10) “So, are you saying that the Bible is wrong or that God doesn't exist, or what?” ~ Yes if you haven't noticed by now, the so-called holy scripture is at best a collection of psycho-babble written in ancient languages for the people at those times because they had nothing better to do. And they were afraid to die. And they were kinda dumb. And now centuries later, here we are, still dragging the two thousand year old iron age mythology, which was plagiarized from an even older fairy tale. And this magical book apparently, holds the answers to everything in life. But you have all the hard work ahead of you. (see [The Bible, the canon, and the other texts](#)).
- (11) “I am a spiritual person and not a religious person.” ~ Great for you, congrats! There are a lot of people who have chosen to embrace the spiritual way of life as compared to the religious way of life. Theres a difference I understand. But I am not a spiritual person anymore than I am a philosopher, or a poet, or a musician. Moderation is the key (it is, at least for me in this particular case). I go with whatever work.
- (12) “But what if I am a non-believer like you? Does this written material benefit me?” ~

Yes it does. As long as your interested in poetry, philosophy, or just general stuff in the world, crazy ideas, and so on. (see [15 Questions I would ask JC](#), [Shit-list](#), [WTF should I do?](#), [Layers upon layers](#), [Prison world](#), [You could have been or not](#), [Temporary happiness](#), [My Vendetta](#)).

- (13) “What if I am not really interested in arguments, and the serious stuff. Isn't there anything else I can read?” ~ There is a variety of things, even if you only came for some light reading, or you want to enjoy some sarcastic humor and shared experiences with all the shit we deal with in our lives – you may find what you're looking for. You may also want to check my other book '*A Written Form Of My Thoughts*'. (see [15 Questions I would ask JC](#), [Shit-list](#), [WTF should I do?](#), [Bible stories gone bad](#), [My Vendetta](#)).
- (14) “Are you like a professional or something? How do you know these things you write are even true?” ~ No, I am not a professional (even though I'd like to say I am). But I am educated, and I believe I am smart enough to think for myself (yeah, imagine that), and to learn new things. Its a matter of reading, researching and reflecting on things. Remember, most of what I write is my own opinion, and at times I may refer to common knowledge. So whether what I say is true or not – is up to you really.
- (15) “I have a suggestion, a follow up question, and / or some part which I do not understand and / or I disagree with...” ~ Okay, thats the first step for you then. I encourage you to do you own research, read books, watch documentaries, interview people and so on. But if you have a question or something you strongly disagree with, you can email me. (see my [Contact](#) information).
- (16) “You must be miserable and live an empty life because you have nothing to believe in...” ~ I am as miserable as anyone else in the world. Yes, life can be empty at times. But at least I am not living a lie. At least I am not delusional. I don't cling to false hope. Life has many things to offer whether you are friends with flying Jesus or not. Theres music, art, travel, technology, film, video games, sex, alcohol, drugs, food,

just to mention a few. If you are trying to say that your life is meaningless unless validated by an invisible tyrannical force, then you have bigger problems than I thought. But still, even if you want to live a lie, its okay with me. As long as you keep your delusions to yourself, so I can live my life with my own set of delusions. In other words, you can hide, close your eyes hope things get better, or you can do something about it yourself. Your choice.

- (17) “Without God, people would be immoral and they would do bad things to others.” ~
- This is one of the many phrasings for the argument that morality comes from the holy scriptures. So, are you trying to say that you would be killing babies without the holy scriptures in your life? Are you saying that you would not share or help people in need when you can? Are you saying that the only reason you are good is because you're afraid of God's wrath or perhaps there are rewards for those who do pretend to care about others under the banner of the Lord? Then you're missing your balls or your ovaries. Truly then you are a horrible person. Love, kindness, empathy shouldn't be conditional, meaning, people should love, should be kind, should have some empathy even if those around them will not have any towards them. My take is, people have the capacity for good and for bad. Its a choice you make, whether you want to become a killer or not, whether you help someone or not. Nobody is making you do anything, those are just silly excuses you tell yourself so you don't have to face the hard questions. Its easier to blame others and avoid being accountable. We couldn't have reached this far as a species, because we have been here on earth for a long time, and Christianity is only around two thousand years old. It is funny though, the countless stories you hear of people, when they tell you about all the bad things they were doing before and then they got 'converted' into loving Jesus and singing on Sundays. See, those are just excuses people tell themselves.

There are people doing charity without the affiliation with Jesus and his doom squad, there are those who make medicine for you, those who develop free software for you, or those who simply care for you without wanting any reward (only your support and acknowledgment maybe).

- (18) “I don't believe in evolution, how can it all be just random, how come monkeys aren't changing at the moment?” ~ Words like 'random' can be misused a lot. Let me just say this; evolution is a very slow process, its like looking at yourself and trying to notice as you grow taller. It happens for example, over a course of millions of years. Pick up a biology book and read about it for yourself, don't just assume things if you don't know. Otherwise its like saying 'I cant understand something, its too complicated... okay, God did it'.
- (19) “Why should I believe what you say? You could just be another crazy person who has a secret agenda” ~ Yeah, my secret agenda happens to be raising awareness, causing you neurones in the brain to fire and make new connections. I want you to be awake, to be uncomfortable, to have your bubble burst. But now my secret agenda has been made public, its written all over everywhere. Let me say that I do not advocate for you to simply believe me and thats it, rather, I hope that you will think for yourself here, that you will explore the world and find who you are for yourself. It is not for me to tell you. We can be very similar people, but never exactly identical like cloned robots (unless we're in a cult or group).
- (20) “What would you say is the biggest part of the problem when it comes to religion and its devastative effects?” ~ As it happens to be, we are all part of the problem. For our silence and acceptance, for our ignorance, for our apathy, for our lack of awareness. Everyone has had their hands in the mud.

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Who am I anyway ?

I write to you as a thinker who thought and wrote. Who am I? Am I you (the reader)? Or am I the reflection of my voice in you? But you know who I am because you are here with me, yet we're not the same; stuck in the struggle. I am a student of life, a semi-philosopher, a theorist, a hobby musician, a poet of some sort, a free thinker, an open minded amateur writer, and a realist. I am generally a lazy person. I do not follow a specific art or science to life, I freestyle a lot and combine the best stuff I can use. I have an urge to craft. I come from both worlds. Perhaps I belong to the fading edges of ideas, perhaps right here at your side, I don't know – only you can say. I put forth my thoughts in a more or less 'neutral' outcome-expectation. I do not care if these thoughts offend you (as it is up to you whether you choose to get offended or not to). Like piecing a very large puzzle – I simply put together the many pieces that already exist. Words, ideas, and thoughts which are all around us, some lack form, some lack clarity. I also came to destroy the world, by introducing chaos to the established order. I also came to shake your stability, knowledge, faith, hopes, dreams, and so on. I will not offer you much, as it is not my job to think for you. I can not decide for you. I can only show you options, I can only simplify and expose the naked architecture of the natural world. I am God in my world, my own God, perhaps not your God.

As a free thinker, as a person who intends to solve real problems in life, as a person who often encounters discontent circumstances, I collide with many things that make our lives unnecessarily difficult. Most of my rebellion is against social control, population control and manipulation, a system of profit, a society of blind faith and superstition, an unhappy people, and all conflict. My main idea is to object, challenge and reject stupid ideas, harmful traditions, and systems of life that are not beneficial. Simply I will oppose bad ideas anywhere I find them. My

priority is bad ideas that have real consequences to our everyday life, decisions that affect all of us, not merely on our comfort and luxury, but real distinctions between harmful results and useful results.

Why should we suffer and waste time on trivial matters, while we could be curing diseases, improving lives, advancing in technology, uncovering the mysteries of the universe, and life in general. We still live in darkness, guided by iron age mythology, and a broken system of government, a capitalist, fascist world. The rich rule the poor, a society of people divided by class, gender, race, religion, and so on. People live in fear, without hope, without drive. Nobody wants to break off the cycle, simply because they are comfortable doing what they are doing, like cowards in the shade. Most have been brainwashed to accept a specific kind of reality, following orders of their masters, doing their dirty work with no questions asked.

So I will attempt to challenge you, to make you think, to make you uncomfortable, and also to show how stupid some things are. I will make jokes at times, not to intentionally hurt you, but to open your eyes. To give you a chance to learn, as I have, to open more doors, to see the world differently. Remember its healthy to laugh, and its wise to keep an open mind. If you have already passed this stage of blind faith and mindless devotion, and you are well equipped with a lot of knowledge, then you can skip most parts and go straight to the mockery and comedy. But if you're still in darkness (like I once was), I suggest you pass through the whole book. ↗

My stance against you

You may have the misconception that I am warning you so I can save you against this dilemma of yours – but the truth is I don't care about you, there's nothing for me in this, its just a ranting against stupid ideas, bad ideas, and useless mind-numbing pointlessness. I couldn't care more or less about anyone, in fact as far as I know, you can do whatever you want, I am not trying to enforce my reality on you, I am not that interested. My main attempt is to stimulate a thinking process, to cause you to wonder, and question, to doubt, and to make up your own mind. Most people are easily deceived, so it would have been easy for me to start my own group or cult, but I don't care that much. Sure am bored and I like doing this – provoking you, insulting superstition, poking you in your little holes, exposing those embarrassing parts, make you upset, make you feel stupid, or at least lost or incomplete. Am addicted to arguments, theory, destroying things, causing chaos, bursting your perfect little bubble. I have no shame and nothing to loose. Whether your Christian, Muslim, Viking, or Mesopotamian gods actually exist, I don't know, and I don't care. I can't prove or disprove their existence. I tried but I saw its pointless to try, because there is a time to stop, there comes a point where you know its never gonna end. I grew up, I got passed that, faced my fears, and stood up. There isn't a right choice, just the one you made and all the others you didn't make, there are many solutions to a problem. My affection is in music, art, and creativity. I loose interest very easily in things, its hard for me to focus long enough before I make up an argument against myself so I can quit doing what am doing – so its a miracle that am even able to write this stuff down.

I have no particular vendetta against any sort of group. Am not so social anyways. I don't identify myself with groups at all. Just because I reject superstition and religious belief, doesn't

mean am going to automatically be an atheist – even if you may be inclined to label me as that. I can not claim myself a particular thing, because I am not. Just like you are not an atheist in regard to the tooth fairy or Santa. Its not like I go and hang out with agnostics or atheists because I have some similarity with them. I can coexist with any group of people, as long as they can coexist with me. I will only refer to people as something if they go around claiming and shouting that. Because, who really is a 'Christian'? Or a 'Jew', or a 'believer'? And a believer can not exist without a non-believer. If the non-believer does not exist, then the believer has nothing (more) to prove; hence no need for the label. Labels are not sufficient because they approximate things to the nearest common term or popular idea. Therefore, my monotheistic friends, welcome, have no fear, I am here. I am not here to take away anything from you, I do not want to enforce any of my views. I am simply thinking.

A few observations

People are drawn in religion, dogma, and superstition due to fear. The fear which people impose on them to induce guilt and self-doubt. The fear of the unknown. The universe is a very vast mysterious place, and there could be any number of things that can go wrong. Death, disease, natural disasters, disappointments, lack of happiness, suffering, war, and so on. People often need justifications, explanations, they need comfort.

People are ignorant and uneducated. Often people are unable to reason for themselves, unable to think objectively. If most of these 'magic-make-believe' followers read a bit more history and learned something more about what they so blindly accept, they wouldn't be standing in that stance for much long. Others cling to the fantasy even if you had enough to plant self-doubt in them, they will still pull of the 'faith card', and the 'hurt feelings respect my religion' card.

Sometimes its just that people lack the meaning they expect to get from life. They want more, asking such questions as 'is this really it?', or invoking statements such as 'I am looking for

the truth', or 'I can't imagine my life if it were not so' or 'then where did we come from?' All valid observations, however they are useless to dwell on. You will probably spend all your life searching for answers, or magical powers, whichever it is, and you won't find them the way you would think. If a big fucking rock falls from the sky you can't say 'See! That's a sign from God' it may seem that way because you're inside earth, go look from outside, go see the sky, there are things out there, potentially that could wipe us out, black holes, or even the sun could melt I don't know. Or you could die before all that happens.

It's a game of control and some make a living out of it. For others it's a power play to keep the masses in line, so they can have all the fun. It's easier to maintain the society if things took some regular form, as opposed to total freedom.

More into the core of it

I don't understand anymore how people still buy that crap. I don't mind people believing in stones or lumps of shit, but actually thinking it's true and giving up your life for that idea, and from there – drawing all sorts of assumptions. To hide under the comfort of the illusion, so you can escape the hard task of thinking for yourself. You like things already figured out for you, you like being safe and secure, you accept any explanation as opposed to no explanation. You just like to hear the good stuff, that you have some sacred mission, that you are now important, that you have a purpose, or that your group is the most 'correct' one. You can't handle being wrong, you can't handle reality, so you make up things.

I can't keep a straight face anymore when I hear about the things people believe, and how serious they think about them. I simply don't care that much anymore. My life works easier when I care less, and when I am disconnected from all that nonsense. It's an endless game. One person comes up with something fancy, then more people start coming up with their own stuff. Deriving

morality and knowledge from a fixed set of ancient, vague, ambiguous text, of another culture in another time other than ours – is, at the very least, not taking into account, the current state of the world. That's why you start seeing a shift towards these new-age believers who are semi-educated taking their own meaning from the texts. For example in Christianity, the interpretation of the Bible has been an impossible task, because the words can have multiple meaning, and the usage may have varied in that culture, and perhaps even if you understood the words in there – it may not be literal, but rather symbolical. So when do you take 'word for word' and stone people or forgive your brother for his trespasses against you? Which practices do you leave out? Which do you follow? The ones your local priests tell you to? Or the one that feels okay to follow, like love your neighbor as you love yourself? This is referred to as 'cherry picking'. ↗

A matter of comparison

But even if you get passed through all that barbarism, you still have other big questions like 'which would be the right path to the truth?' or 'which is the true religion or group?', and such alike. The thing is, there is no right way. There's only the way you choose to follow. That's it. Pick your fairy tale, pick your psychosis, it doesn't matter, just don't spend all your life searching.

We think we are so special, because we live in the current time, in the now, at the rise of technology and advance of science, we think we are fundamentally different from the many other tribes and civilizations that were before us. I agree that were lucky to be alive, but that's it, I can't say more. What is the difference between Zeus and Yahweh? Or the Viking's Valhalla and the Christian version of afterlife paradise? How about Poseidon and Allah? How about the canonical Bible and the poetic Edda? How about the Egyptian gods? And what about the Mesopotamian gods? Why don't we still worship them? Did they go somewhere? Perhaps they got lost or erased? Weren't they good enough? The sun God, the wind, the earth and the spirits of whatever, and all those mystical arts. At the time when they were worshiped it was as 'real' as anything, just like the way some people think today about the current gods in the heavens. Christianity is only around 2000 old (approx.), Judaism is older, Islam is from the 7th century. Fairly young religions. The Egyptian 'religion' is much older than those ones. A more ancient one would be the Mesopotamian religion. For example, Hinduism is older than Christianity and Islam. Keep that relative approximate comparison in mind. Here we're simply looking at mainstream religion, ignoring individual beliefs. However, that doesn't mean to imply that just because individual beliefs aren't mainstream that they are somehow less true or irrelevant than the mainstream ones.

Now ask yourself how old is the world itself (Hint: its definitely not 6000 or 7000 years

old). One word; fossils (Read and research more about the prehistoric era and ancient civilizations). Lets proceed, now, make a sketch on a paper or in your head, if you may, draw a line to represent the linear age (or time) of earth. Now pick a total value for that time-line, say a 100 million years (if you think the earth is that old), a billion years, or even a million years if your uncomfortable with the larger values. Now if the whole length is that one million years, meaning at the end of the line (right hand side) you would have 'present time' as in now, and the beginning (left hand side) you would have 'origin' or something like 'a long time ago'. Attempt to estimate where in the time-line you'd place Christianity, Islam or Judaism. Easy, for example, Christianity is around 2000 years old, you can simply estimate where in the line you'd place it (Hint: its somewhere towards the end of the line). Now roughly speaking, pick you game in town, all of major monotheistic religions came fairly late in history. Now attempt to estimate when 'fire' was discovered, when 'the wheel' or 'bow and arrow' was invented, and mark them somewhere in the line.

Look up how many religions there were throughout time before these iron age religions came. Its not like someone discovered that the Egyptian gods were fake at those times. They were as real as Yahweh and Allah are today. Let me talk about the fundamental truths in physics for example, that you couldn't come across 'Christian physics' or 'Muslim chemistry'. An experiment done here and half way around the globe would yield similar results for a given law in physics (hence why its called a law). If your parents for some reason happened to be Christian then chances are you will too. That is merely a result of geographical location. If you were living the middle east, perhaps you would be Muslim, and likewise you would have equally strong convictions and certainties about the nature of the universe. I will talk about this idea more later on. ↗

Talking about it

Have you noticed that am not out there making a change, walking the walk, marching, shouting out loud these things? Well of course by now you know I don't care that much. I'm not out there, even out of frustration – throwing stones, burning cars or killing Christians. No point. Its not like I'm trying to save people here, I'm just talking about things, giving you ideas, challenging you, making you think.

Lets see how easy it is to start a religion or a cult. The idea is simple, you just need a set of beliefs and you need to offer hope to people – give them things they want, things they need, play on their emotions, and the need to hold on to things. Give them a mission, give them purpose, and therefore meaning. It can be about fighting ignorance, it can be about insulting other religious groups, it can be about anything that has a point to it – especially if its justified by your belief system.

Of course I do talk about things, I do challenge people at times, and some do get upset over the things I ask them, or things I say and the way I say them. But I have a point to what am doing – am not just doing it for the fun. I really sincerely 'believe' that if I talk about it, if I confront bad ideas, if I make fun of people's beliefs – I will affect their growth and sometimes trigger a seed of doubt in their head. I call that seed 'awareness'. One of my ways of doing that is to show how dumb a similar idea is, and I compare it to their own ideas. For example, I can take the worship of Zeus and Poseidon and compare it to the worship of Yahweh. I can mention all the dead and forgotten gods and ask the cliché question, 'how comes...?' Sometimes I compare religious belief in God with say the belief in UFOs, or I take different sect of say Christianity and show how faulty it is to the other sect, and showing them that they are using the same old book you are using, called the Bible.

Sometimes I like using simple arguments outside their 'holy' books. I ask them for proof beyond their texts.

Talking about things without getting upset or emotional has been always the best alternative, because it causes you to think, it puts you in the position to defend yourself and that is true growth. I don't get these people who are sensitive, and get upset over words or ideas mentioned. What is there to get upset about? If what you believe is true, why get upset when someone else challenges you? I'll tell you why, because you're afraid that I will make sense, you're afraid that I will cause you to doubt or 'sin' and you could spend your eternity in a pit of fire. Or maybe its your defend mechanism because you have no argument and the only thing you can do is get upset. You're like a little child, afraid that I'll take away the candy. But whats the alternative? Pretending everything is okay, and trying to keep a straight face, trying not to loose yourself with this. Perhaps I was like that back then, but now I don't care if I offend a few people, it healthy for everyone to deal with a little chaos. Talking about things is good, because if you cant talk about issues, then you will probably resort to violence, war, and so on (and all that could have been avoided by having a nice long talk with a cup of tea). If you have no humor, if you cant laugh about things, if you're too uptight about things – you'll die from stress before your time. Not that I believe that everyone has a predetermined time of death. Its just that its rather silly to suffer from such misfortune, especially if its something that you could solve by basic human communication. The challenge is to face yourself first, then you can face your enemy. But once you face yourself – you'll realize that there is no enemy.

Further reflection

- i. What method would you use in resolving conflicts?
 1. Addressing the issue and talking about it?

2. Direct confrontation or violence?
3. A combination of both 1 and 2?

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Bad reasons

Imagine a world without religious superstition taking over our lives or playing importance in peoples decision-making process. Similarly I would point out, in humor, I cant imagine not having Santa drop by every December, or unicorns and Easter bunnies. Of course, as a kid, Santa was real, mysterious and exciting. I cant imagine taking away that from all the children in the world who hold it deep in their minds. After all, it makes them happy. Of course lets not even mention all the giant mega-stores that have great sales due to the exploitation of this holiday. I don't even mind parents lying to their kids that 'be good, Santa is watching' or such similar wisdom. How harmful can that be? Hold on you non-believer, you can not disprove the existence of Santa, can you? Where do you think the presents come from? They don't just drop from the sky! And they didn't get randomly assembled by tornado, did they? After all, there are millions who believe in Santa, so how can you dismiss it so easily? Why would you want to take away the joy in the eyes of those kids, how cruel can you be?! Well, if your Jewish or Muslim, you can forget about Santa, but you can watch passively and endure the torture you have to go through those weeks. Bright red blinking lights, annoying Christmas songs played in loop all day long, and happy happy people. And I'm thinking to myself, 'Lord if you love me at all, you will take away my suffering, and deliver me from going insane'. You can see how much I just love these holidays.

I have nothing specific against people celebrating, making everyday special, enjoying life to the fullest. But at least be honest about it, be true to yourself and especially to your children, because ultimately your teaching them that its okay to lie to yourself as long as it makes you happy. Sometimes in life you have to make the hard decision, rather than the one which make you feel good.

Moving on. Seems to me that the people who claim extraordinary things with absolute certainty should have the burden to provide evidence to validate their claims. Which means if you say that you believe that the biblical God really exists, you should have good reasons for that. Its not sufficient to say, 'I believe so, therefore it is so' or 'it is my faith...'. Often you may hear believers saying 'can you disprove the existence of God?'. That's not a good reason at all. Similarly, you can not disprove the existence of the tooth-fairy, can you? If you want to be taken seriously, then you should at least have something more than that. Another thing you may hear as a response to the previous argument is, 'then where did we come from?', 'then whats the purpose of life?', 'how comes the laws of physics, and the constants are so fine tuned, and everything appears to be in some order?'. Those are hard questions, that even scientists don't know yet, and often disagree about. Without getting into too much detail, there are a few theories, and ideas, but nothing solid. Scientists are ready to admit that they don't know everything. And how can anyone know everything. Its not sufficient to take any explanation as opposed to no explanation. If you don't know for sure, just say you don't know. This idea can relate to the phrase 'the God of gaps', which means something like this; when you cant explain something, or cant find a cause for an event, you therefore invoke a celestial being, or a supernatural agent to fill the gaps. What an easy way out. The alternative to that is; inquiry, experimentation, thought, testing hypothesis, theorizing, and so on. Seem like work to be done.

I am certainly not a scientists, and I am not making any scientific claims about reality, I'm merely observing and pointing out things. However, I wont buy in to fairy tales as primary explanations to the mysteries of life (whether its because so many people like to believe in fairy tales, or that the fairy tale is supported by a magical book written by characters from the fairy tale). Read more about things yourself, don't just take the misconceptions of other people as the truth – don't let their failure to understand due to ignorance and bias be yours as well. If you're willing to believe anything in faith, you might as well take the whole package, including the unicorns, Santa,

Zeus, Iris, Murdock, the pink panther, tooth-fairy, and the ideologies of all the other religions you don't belong to. It should be universally true (as it is in science); an experiment done here and on the other side of the globe should yield similar results for a given theory. Do you ever hear about Christian physics, or Mormon biology, or Muslim chemistry? Forget about the differences in standard notation, language, or nomenclature, but the underlying principles and theories. Its merely hitting the lottery and landing at the right place. If you're born in to a Muslim family, then you will become Muslim by default. Jackpot! If your born in to an Christian evangelist family, then you may also become that, by default. Bingo! And in both cases, the person believes to be in the correct path relative to everything else. There will always be a heretic or an infidel in the other side of the ocean. You are always right (relative to others), aren't you? An egocentric view of the world.

Back to Christmas again; I find it easy to just avoid those overly happy people, in that respect the Jehovah's Witnesses and I are alike – we both aren't into the whole Christmas thing, I just go one step further. I am like a man-whore, wherever there is a drink – there I am, wherever there is free food – there I sit in the midst of you. I just endure all the other nonsense we have to go through. I'm a person who looks for any reason to turn the day into a celebration, I don't care what it is. 'Aina on syytä juhlia', as one friend of mine would say, which means roughly 'Theres always reason to celebrate'. But have you noticed that people are just way too happy and in a giving mood? Like its the end of the world or like they found a back-door that goes to paradise. I don't mind getting 'free goods', as long as you are happy and in a giving mood, why not open the door and invite me in for a fun party. I don't mind getting free stuff, not at all. Always learn to take advantage of people. For those who say 'I can't imagine a universe without there being God' I say, 'funny, I could say the opposite to be true, and further more, not only I can imagine, I feel like am in one, and it seems to work just fine'.

My reasoning

Here are my reasons why I reject the idea of God or any supernatural intelligent being:

- Faith. I do not have enough faith to believe or assume there is a God out there. It requires an extra effort in my part to maintain a straight face while talking about the biblical God. My world works just fine without her.
- Lack of, or bad evidence. I haven't found anything that really convinced me that there is a supernatural being out there. The canonical Bible is bad evidence and I will show you why in the section 'the Bible, the canon and the other texts'. As for the major questions in life; I would rather have no answer for them than the second hand iron age guesswork that some of you are satisfied with. If the canons had references to the germ theory of disease, advanced math, quantum physics, or even something about electricity, I would pause and want to hear more.
- Its not helpful. It doesn't explain anything, it doesn't solve any real problems, but creates a way out of people facing their problems. In fact it creates a bigger problem: If God created the universe somehow, then where did God come from? Who or What created God? And who created the one who created God? Or did she just one day come into existence? Or are you so lame that your gonna tell me that she was always there. You can see that its a self-collapsing argument, a paradox, a non-starter. So, am claiming that its useful to reject the Christian god. I'll explain why later on.
- I am realistic. Am honest with myself. Yes life is hard, yes we're all gonna die someday, sure you can't explain everything, you can not know everything. But am okay with that, I have learned to accept myself, I don't need extra stuff to make me become who I am. I have learned to face my fears and to live life freely.
- I am not interested (anymore). I don't care for praise, worship, faith, belief, paradise,

afterlife, forgiveness and salvation. I am happy enough to make the most of my life here on earth, this is my paradise, so stop spoiling it for me, for I am content – therefore you can not seduce me. Besides I think its more fun to be in the other side of conventional wisdom. You think some vague false promise of paradise will persuade me to give up my worldly possessions to your church ministers? Not a chance motherfucker! If there ain't a pub in heaven, then no, thank you – keep it, I don't want it. Oh, and good luck threatening me with hell and eternal fires and death, I don't bend to tyranny, I don't respond to that brand of psychological bullying.

- It doesn't matter. Even if you believed in a God figure, you still have to wake up and go to work, go to school, and face your life, its not any different. And from my experience, from both sides, I don't see any real difference on the standard of life. Just that now since am free from the superstition and iron age mythology, I can experience and live my life fully, no unnecessary baggage to carry and false promises.
- Its a matter of perception and acceptance. Am not saying God doesn't exist, but its very likely she doesn't exist. Even if she does exist, its not the Old Testament God, neither is it the New testament one, she would be far greater than anything you simple minded person can imagine. Whether she exists or not – is a matter of your own perception. No worries, I am sure she does exist for those who claim her to, but she is not in me.

The breaking point

Some are bounded by their kin, family or friends, they don't wanna loose what they have, because they are attached to everything. Some of us just play along with other people, so they can

feel good about themselves. People are fragile, most crack on pressure, they go nuts, they can't handle reality, they need reassurance. Am not here to give you false hope or reassurance, am here to take it away – stop covering things up, dressing them up in pretty cloths. The faces we put, the things we do – its my duty to pretend that I care. You keep showing up.

There comes a time when all the deceit becomes transparent. My breaking point came from a combination of things; my own research, watching documentaries, learning more about different things, forming my own thoughts and opinions about the nature of the reality. I was a student of life, I learned and I unlearned it. I took one stance and I forced myself to also take the opposite. I had facts and their contradictions, I was splitting inside. Doing comparisons, from religion to religion, political ideas to philosophy, psychology, human behavior and so on. It was a long gradual process, not a singular implosion. Might have taken months for me to doubt the idea of there being a singular path to 'truth', it took me many more months to learn the tricks behind most cults and how they work, it took me more and more time to finally realize that there ain't no such thing as 'the truth'. Further more, I realized that its an infinite game. It will never end – everyone will form their version of whatever they can accept; Christianity, Islam, Buddhism, Judaism, Hinduism, witchcraft, spirituality and mysticism, monotheism, polytheism, henotheism, pantheism. From moderate to fundamentalist, from symbolical to literal. Sun worshipers, satanists, alternative medicine and card readers, and so on.

I take great pleasure in imagining that the Christian god doesn't exist. Why? Because that means nobody has to die preaching the Christian storybook in Afghanistan, that means nobody had to suffer in falsehood. And also (even though its too late now), it means nobody had to burn witches, or be tortured by the inquisition, and most of the barbarism from the church in the medieval times wouldn't have had to be. We would have laughed and drank wine with heretics and witches instead of torturing and murdering them. Science would have had a chance to speculate about the universe, and possibly advance without the fear of persecution. Many people wouldn't

have had to live a lie. For the most part I'm just speculating, but I'm sure most needless suffering would have been avoided.

Further reflection

- i. How often have you demanded better reasons for anything else in your life? Why?
- ii. If someone made a claim in biology, that would have great application to the study, and when it came to presenting their findings, the evidence or proof they had for the claims they make is faith, would you be inclined to take their findings seriously?
Would this person be able to graduate at any well known institute?
- iii. How do you determine what is wrong or right? (Note: I look at it differently. I look at if it will cause harm, or whether its helpful).
- iv. Why do you believe or reject the idea of a 'God'? If you do believe, how would you describe him or her as?
- v. Think of a myth or urban legend that you thought was true and came to find out it was just a myth. Try and recall at what point did you make that transition, where was your turning point? ↗

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Simple mind games

You may have wondered sometimes, why do we have so many religions in this world? All seem to be claiming divinity. Why not just be one or two? Well an easy answer would be, just like there are many languages, cultures, so there also would be many religions. Religion has been one of the attempts of mankind to explain the unknown, or to comfort those in need, and successful I might add, for at least the time it was needed, for those who use it. Unfortunately most early forms of religion don't much exist anymore, or are practiced less. Perhaps its because we grew up and saw a better religion or another way to cope with life. Countless gods have come and gone, civilizations too. Religion gave people a sense of purpose and belonging. It was more like a kinship, or a social thing, a ritualistic art, a mystical connection with the world, to some a source of much happiness.

Often religion, war and politics enforce a simplistic, primitive view of the world. Call it a binary view if you may, the 'Us versus Them' thing. 'Our group', 'My religion', 'Our faith', 'I believe', 'We follow', an egocentric view of the world. Self-interests first, you kin comes first, your group is more important than any other group. Unfortunately the world is not that simple, you can't cut down everything there is to a simple 'yes or no', 'us or them', or 'good or evil'. Have you ever watched a television channel where there is a church minister or someone similar spouting scripture, and being all lively and smiley? He gives his or her audience a good show, great scripture references and examples, and so on, but in the end of the show they always want a donation, they want something, so they say something like 'give to the lord', or 'give all you have, anything you can give and the lord will bless you'. Except in the place of 'the lord' there is the minister and his pals. Some even go an extra step, they talk about the end times and how the world is falling apart, and then they are selling their special edition book or triple DVD which they want you to buy so you can be prepare

for some apocalyptic event, or get saved from eternal damnation. I mean come on! Really? I could see through that even as a young blind believer (as I was back then). It used to bother me a lot. But it never made me doubt that Jesus existed and that the Bible was the perfect word of God. I merely dismissed the TV show minister as a scam artist, and continue believing what I believed.

But you can see how people often use and abuse people's hopes and beliefs and make a living out of it. And its true, currently there are many 'God's representatives' and ministers who otherwise would have nothing else to do – they would have to find a decent honest job (if there is such a thing), and they know this, so that's why they cling on as hard as they can, for as long as they can. Religion is good business. And it uses simple mind tricks to accomplish whatever it does. Just like fake ads, I can see through the religious folks, I see the desperate efforts and the cluster of lies within the whole ideology.

A simple fun experiment

Here's a simple fun game you can do if you want to see how serious some people are about their beliefs. Try to make the true-believer call you Lord or God. Don't insult them directly, use indirect references, have something that belongs to them and say something like 'if you say that I am lord I shall give you what is yours'. I like joking around with words, and I can see how some people take the literal approach of reality, as if you'll get struck down by lightning if you blaspheme against your invisible headmaster. The ones who cant call you Lord in this experiment are the ones who can be easily manipulated, and the same ones who are more afraid, have low esteem, and lack purpose, so they hide under their faith. They can not see it as humor, because its serious for them, they really believe that stuff. What is one word? A four letter word like 'Lord', its just a combination of sounds and letters that refer to an idea, but what if you say a word and don't really mean it? What if you see the word and think it, but never say out loud, does that count? Or is it until

you say it, whether you mean it or not? Another reason a person won't call you 'Lord' is because they don't want to be below you, it's an ego thing, they think if they call you 'Lord' that you will somehow become their king and take away all their possessions. Strange huh? While this is a simple fun test, imagine if it was real life, where there are real consequences, like death maybe. Think about it, how dumb is it to die for a foolish notion, a fairy tale, if someone came with a sword to me now and told me 'Confess to Satan or die' – I will do it. Because I know there ain't such thing as Satan, and words mean as much as you want them to mean. It's pointless. The survival of the fittest, and the smartest. If you can't deceive the simple minded, then your chances of survival are closer to zero. But understand the differences. What if they raised the stakes and told you to do it or they will kill all of your family and relatives? Would you still hesitate, given that it's either your principles or your life?

The misuse of terms and linguistics

Very often people misuse ideas, terms and words – they twist things to their benefit. Most of us are biased. We have self-serving interests, we like when we are right, we like to be on the winning side of anything. Let me state that I am not afraid to be wrong, am not afraid to learn from my errors. I don't know everything. In the business of word games; philosophy, religion, politics, romance and music are just a few examples. Terms, ideas, words, have a definition, they can have multiple meaning, and multiple usage. Depending on your culture and the time when you live, same words can imply slightly different things. If you follow the Christian faith, by now you might have noticed that there are many versions of the canonical Bible; King James version, New international version, Wycliffe Bible, just to mention a few English language translations. Mainly that is from the disagreements of the methodology of translation, and the usage and meaning of terms. Also it depends on who finances and oversees the project itself. You may also know some versions of the

canonical Bible uses old English, something slightly odd and poetic sounding words that are hard to understand. So some have tried modernizing the translations to simpler English, to a more modern everyday English that the average person can understand.

I should have called this section 'word games' because that's what it is, especially for those who take the texts literally. For example, what does 'lord' mean? Is it Jesus? Is it God? Or does it even matter? Because 'Lord' is a title rather than a name, just like 'king' or 'president'. But even if you say God, what does 'God' mean in your context? In one version of the canonical Bible, in the old testament, the usage of the word 'Lord' came from Hebrew word 'Adonai', (or 'Elohim' which means 'God') but it was really a replacement word for the Tetragrammaton YHWH. The problem was that the ancient Hebrew language doesn't use vowels like the English language (modern Hebrew has vowel pointings, they are like little dots that are added to words). And when they get transliterated to other languages they mix up the four letters. It has been suggested that the YHWH meant 'Yahweh', and also 'Jehovah'. In ancient Greek, they replaced that with 'Kyrios' (which means 'Lord'). The thing is, most of them thought that the name is too holy to be pronounced, so they used replacement words like 'Lord' and 'God'. Most Jewish people don't pronounce that name. Also theres a confusion with the name of Jesus – in Hebrew he is called 'Yahushuah', 'Yahshua', 'Yeshua' or 'Yehoshua', which was often associated with the Tetragrammaton YHWH or one of its variations.

But this is not to anyone's surprise, because translation work is not easy, you have to deal with the differences between the language grammar, structure, culture, usage of words, and so on. The main goal in successful translation is to get the message across (call it content). The next thing you need to have is accuracy, and then also it should retain a natural form of the language your translating it to. If it sounds too weird then people wont be able to relate or understand. There are several ways to go about translation; idea for idea, word for word (or literal), or a paraphrase approach. It is nearly impossible to get a 100% accurate translation of anything without loosing the other qualities – the whole message content and it being in a natural form to the language. There

might be words that have no direct meaning in another language so you have to use equivalent words. And since we the people aren't Hebrew, Aramaic or Greek-scholars, we can't read the original text and understand them. You'd have to be a linguistics expert. Let me give you a real example. In English, articles are used, that is 'the', 'an', and 'a'. But in Russian language they do not have articles. So the specificity of sentences like 'A guy found the book he was looking for' can be a problem. Also, Hebrew is doesn't have indefinite articles 'an' and 'a', they have to be added in translation. The English verb 'to be' and its various tenses such as 'am', 'is' and 'are' do not exist in Hebrew and need to be added in the translation as well. Hebrew is read from right to left which is different from a language like English. In addition, it has things like the silence letter, and some letters have multiple forms depending on where they appear, sometimes called 'final' letters (when they appear at the end of the word).

Word play

A list of overused, misused words, ideas, phrases and terms related to religion and philosophy (or theology).

1. God. ~ Anyone who says 'God' in their conversation and expects me to give them money or my undying love and obedience is dreaming! This could be one of the most dangerously misused word, which in itself has no more meaning than the word 'king' or 'boss'.
2. 'I am a Christian' and 'I am an Atheist'. ~ Labels are inefficient, because not all Christians can sit together and have a cup of tea and make plans for the afterlife bash party that they say is coming up soon. Not all Atheists are alike, most of them are simply people who reject the monotheistic Gods.
3. 'Jesus love you'. ~ I'm sure he only really loves those who 'love' him back. And by

'love' he implied 'those who are willing to sacrifice their lives for his threats and promises'. I am nowhere near that level of delusion.

4. 'The word of God' and 'the law of God'. ~ Another variation of 'God'. Now its word of God, so its like here are his commands which you must obey, or else... And often people with power stand behind the invisible mask of God.
5. Salvation. ~ A big pile of junk. People have been made to believe that they need to be saved, that they are terrible (which they mostly are anyways), and that they need God's mercy to receive this 'salvation' thing so they can watch the rest of us burn in hell as they sing praise songs endlessly and eat grapes.
6. Sin. ~ Yes we are all defective, no wonder we die. But 'sin' is not the right way of saying that we are weak and fragile beings. Sin is like that loan you took without knowing and now you can't pay back, so you're going to make up for all the trouble you caused.
7. Good and Evil. ~ The ancient battle between the far ends of any spectrum. The myth of there being some absolute good and absolute evil, and that everything is so simple. Is life really that binary? Surely you can't place yourself in the same level as God if you were good, or as the Devil if you were bad. It's really getting old.
8. Lord. ~ The stains of medieval times. Lord could have even meant the guy who you work for in that bread making place. Or between lovers – Lord means man, and Lady means woman.
9. 'I am saved'. ~ What are you saved from? Global warming? Nuclear war? Poverty? You found a cure to all cancer? Or you found something to tell yourself when you die?
10. 'He shall bless me'. ~ Blessings are like those bonus points you get from being an obedient slave to your master.

11. 'He is the only true way, he is the light'. ~ Maybe for you and your pals.
12. 'I love God'. ~ When you stop killing your fellow human beings then I might believe you.
13. 'Islam is a religion of peace'. ~ Peace is an illusion.
14. 'Christianity is a religion of peace'. ~ Not a chance.
15. 'You don't understand, you have no faith, you need Jesus'. ~ The only thing I need is a drink, because that requires no faith on my part and I don't need gloom-and-doom-Jesus in my life.
16. 'If you really love God you will...'. ~ Nothing. I don't even know what this 'love' thing really is, so stop suggesting that I should do something I don't know how to, and especially to a creature, spirit, or thing, that I have never seen before.
17. 'The Bible is the best book there is and has answers to everything'. ~ Because when I read the bible I cured Malaria, and fed the whole world, and finally understood quantum mechanics and molecular biology?
18. 'When I was sick, I prayed to God and now am healthy again'. ~ Funny thing is I skipped most of my prayers and I seem to be more or less the same.
19. Heaven, Paradise, and afterlife. ~ Maybe I'll go watch The Matrix, or play Final Fantasy.
20. Obedience, sacrifice, and submission. ~ Powerful and rich people have used those words to get the poor and weak to fight their wars, and work for them indefinitely.

Further Reflection

- i. Have you ever tried translating a joke from one language to another? Perhaps you

have a friend from another country, and you have this nice long joke you want them to hear, what is the probability that they will get the joke? Any comedian or person who has told jokes knows that at times its nearly impossible to translate a joke to another language. But of course you can make up similar jokes, which wont be the same as the original one.

- ii. Have you ever tried learning a foreign language? Do you ever see the differences of that language and say, English? ↗

An offer you can't resist

Everlasting life, life after death, seeing your loved ones again, no more disease, paradise, heaven, resurrection, true happiness, inner peace, bliss, 99 virgins in paradise, angels and great rewards. Sounds nice huh? A tempting offer, but no thanks. I think I'll keep what I have for the time being. Those are just catchy words aimed at pulling you in the barbarism, getting your mind fixed in the rewards. Its like saying, 'here's the candy James, now go beat up those other kids there and I'll give you more afterwards'. People are afraid to die, or they can't get laid, that's why they fall easily for that. Think about it for a moment; what would be better than surviving death, or at least seeing the people you lost again, or that you would be re-united with the people you love in a paradise? And virgins? Of course that was invented by a man who was thinking of pussy, clearly, it just shows that it wasn't a very smart guy either. And what are you gonna do with all those virgin women? And whats the fascination with virgin women? What rewards do women get in paradise? Better kitchen equipment? Come on! And everlasting life? Really? You really wanna live for an eternity? And do what? Eat, sleep, shit and sing psalms? You want to praise your superhero dictator forever? I would rather just die if that was the case. Life is boring enough as it is, and now you want me to spend an eternity doing nothing more than mindless tasks and programmed acts? If you can't get sick, if you can't die, or get hurt, where the fun? No chaos, just bliss and order, nothing but happiness? Just a singular state of existence? Like a stone. What happens when you get tired of worshipping your God, and you want a change of scenery, a break from all that? Am sure eventually you'd be kicked out of the gates of heaven. How about those virgin women, what happens when you have your spoils and they become not-so-virgin-anymore, what then? Do you get more and dump the old ones, or do you use them one at a time for couple weeks and the recycle? Come on, be realistic. Personally, if your

heaven doesn't have wine, whiskey, and anything I want to eat other than grapes, and lots of women, video games, and hallucinogenics, then am not even remotely interested. That can't be the best you can do for a paradise. What about hobbies? What if I still want to pursue photography and art? Poetry? What if I like rock and heavy metal music, do you think there will be a band playing something of my taste? What if I am a rock star, would I have any fans there? Or do I have to take my gig downstairs? That would suck. What about technology, would we have the latest gadgets? How about flying carpets and telepathy? Nanotechnology? Or would we be all day long in nature climbing trees and drinking mango juice under a bamboo hut. Am not much of a wild life person, am rather more of a tech geeky kind. I need at least a computer or some other amusement like a game console, or a good American TV show.

If you don't get in line

Eternal damnation, hell, death, torture, pain, pit of fire; are some of the threats you get to hear. In simple terms, you have a binary choice; kiss ass or die. In other words, either you do what your king wants, or else... So once the niceness and false love doesn't work on you, you get to go on a guilt trip and psychological abuse. Again playing on your fears and needs. People are afraid to be alone, afraid of death, they avoid pain, they would want that nice reward of paradise considering the alternative to that. If you were told to choose between Heaven (Paradise, a better place, or the kingdom of God) and hell (Gehenna, Sheol, or Hades), what would you naturally choose? Most likely the first choice. But you don't get there for free, do you? First there's the submission, and ass-kissing. Would you give up what you have for life beyond? Forget your existence? Your world? Let go of your stuff? Suppress your desires? How much will you sacrifice? How much brave soldier? ↗

Being human

The human mind is like a computer hard drive – it can be partitioned and made to run a certain way if instructions are copied in to it. Many minds run on similar operating systems, controlled and influenced by the media and people around them. The mind is susceptible to programming, psychological suggestions, associations, and manipulations. The advertisement industry knows this – that's why they make money out of the ignorant low-esteemedy needy masses. Those impulsive consumers get conned to buy useless products, things they don't really need, material possessions (not that am against material possessions), or whatever is fashion in the present time. So what if you have the latest garments, or the coolest gadget?

People are susceptible to social engineering, to cultural formalities, and traditions of men. Often many are tricked into the rigid path set by their fathers and mothers of their societies. How you should speak, what you can say, what you can wear, what you should think, how you should celebrate some holiday, what you can eat, how your sex life is, everything to some extent is touched by those who you see as the figures of culture, or role models. For me its easier, I do not have a particular culture, I do not follow a set of ancient rules, I take everything there is, put it in and mix it up, and cut the useless ones out. There are real implications to life when it comes to following the culture or traditions which you happened to embrace (or born in to). Some produce positive results, some negative. Human and animal sacrifice, female genital mutilation, arranged marriages, burning of witches, sexism, racism, xenophobia, superstition, and stoning; are just some examples of the products of society. And people (or society) have good reason (as far as they know) to follow or not to follow some of the practices, be it getting rid of a curse, or just following the perfect word of their invisible creator. Although most bad products of society come from the human

nature of phobia, and irrational emotions, they may seem 'normal' at the time they are practiced. Ask someone 'why you do that or follow that', they would tell you something like this; 'because I was taught to' , or 'it has always been like that'. The classical comeback would be something like; 'if I told you to jump of the 8th floor, would you do it?' But the individual always has an answer to that. You take anything else and they have nearly rational responses, except when its a collection of old written orders from their general – then the same rationality doesn't apply anymore. Strange I find it. Double standards.

Women

Why do people often stereotype Gods and prophets as men? Why do they say something like “He shall bless me”? Why were women suppressed for centuries (for example: the middle ages in European history) in our societies? Both women and men used to hunt and gather together as equals who fed their families and protected their societies in early (prehistoric) times. So what is this thing about submission to your husband, or that a man has authority over a woman ? It sounds like the military to me, that's where you'd have hierarchy of command. Women were used often as sidekicks if they did something good, and if it was bad they were attacked very fast. Is that a too general observation? Okay, lets go into a more specific view, lets start with the Christians. The canonical Bible has a book in the old testament called genesis. It's a story of creation, tells the reader about the beginning when God created the world, man, woman and all the stuff around. In short, the story ends with a betrayal and chaos as the woman tempts the man to eat of the fruit they were told not to eat of. If you read the full story, first three chapters, you will understand what I mean. I will expand on the story in the section 'My problem with the genesis creation myth'. Now depending on your faith, and upraising, these things may vary, however I have heard and seen many times a reference to that story in the way men portray women. And some women, perhaps many,

accept the tyranny because it is written in the 'holy' book, therefore it must be right. This is true of most Muslim, Christian, and Jewish faiths, because they do share the old testament books, at least some of them. Personally I wish that they would have given the 'God' position to a woman instead, because she would have done a much better job than what we have now. And true to human nature, people always tend to fall in the assigned roles they are given in society. A father has nothing over the quality and compassion of a mother, on any good day doesn't even come close to a mother.

Thats my opinion.

Don't think I'm sucking up to women, I am trying to show how barbaric people were when religion and superstition rules over them. In fact I have a little thing against women who think of themselves as higher than everyone else. For those women who think that the world revolves around them; go screw yourself! Perhaps one reason I cant sustain a relationship with a woman is that I never try too much to impress people, I never kiss ass too much. I do it sometimes, but generally I am a mean arrogant drunk. Specifically, there are some women who somehow assume that men will do anything for them, like they are the queen of the world or something. I highly resent double standards. If equality is what you strive for, then lets be equal. I am not gonna say that women are somehow special, more important than men, or that women have priority over men. No ways. I never bother too much. The reason why I am free from that is that I am okay with myself, by myself – I don't need other people to make me feel good about myself. Which means, I am done with all the random blind dates and going to the clubs pretending to be someone else, I would rather settle for free porn on the Internet if I was really that desperate, which I am not. I am detached from people generally so it helps me to focus on what matters to me, after all this is my life – I make it or break it. I am anything but a devotional person, I don't believe in giving up my life for others, or for the sake of fulfilling another exaggerated human custom like marriage. Perhaps I am biased and rebellious. At least I don't follow these silly ideologies blindly. I want to take control of my own life, I don't have the afterlife that some of you have been promised, I do not have a second chance;

this is it for me, I will never be here again, and I am okay with that. So, I don't have to read myself fiction stories to make myself feel good, instead I listen to smooth Jazz music, or I rather write my own stories.

Men

Its in my nature to trash everything on my way. I enjoy the violence and satisfaction I get from it. That's why I will take some amount of time to persecute the male side of the human race. Total fucking scum of the earth. The modern male is almost a useless failure in society, a collection of cells of destruction put together to fight and conquer land, to lie and scam, to take anything they want with force, and putting up faces for everyone else. Even their gods are in their image – as savage, as primitive, as thoughtless, and eight bit minded creatures filled with anger, revenge, oppression, greed, and ignorance.

Looking at the world as it is (not as it would have been), wars, conflict, greed, and evil all come from us. The fight to satisfy one's self ego, the excuses to kill other people, the expansion of land, oil, and profit, the arrogant display of their trophies, gold, and other possessions. They use force whenever they can't con with words – taking whatever they desire. They lust for more. That's why they made god to be like them; thinking like primitive primates, with petty rules, and stupid rituals, taking lives for any reason, painting the blood everywhere, putting up fancy outwears to make it seem special.

Whatever happened to the prehistoric times where both men and women were bread winners, both had a share in their union, family, or kin. If the lady can do a better job than the guy standing next to her, then give the damn job to her. If she is competitive and able, then whats the problem? If she has a better idea on some of our daily challenges, if she can weigh in the debate, if she can contribute towards an improvement to society, then listen to her, give her a chance. Anyone can crack down on pressure, anyone can make mistakes. I don't understand why there are still

people who discriminate. I think its a very narrow, uneducated, useless view. Perhaps its fear, perhaps its insecurity.

Either ways, I am sure there are some great guys out there, some decent men, people who are kind and well intentioned. You may wonder, how do I know that, but the truth is I don't know, I just said that to sound cool and due to the seemingly natural phenomena of statistical distribution for any observable property. There will be nice people, there will be not nice people, and then all the rest are in between. But anyways, since I am impartial, unbiased, and I take issue with a lot of things that people do, I equally or near equally have a vendetta against men as well as women. However if you look at history, you will see and realize that men have done more damage than women, generally speaking.

Further reflection

- i. Look in to history, and try to find some bad and good cultural, traditional products of society.
- ii. Do you follow a particular way of life, as prescribed by your society, do you have some code to follow, what do you subscribe to?
- iii. Should societies have cultural tolerance? What are the consequences for and against cultural tolerance? ↴

Music

Please, stop spoiling good music. As a hobby musician, an artist, a person who has affection for music, I can, and have always tried to listen to music without any specific bias or discrimination. If the music is good, I won't mind who composed it even if it was Satan. If the musical instruments work well, melody, or rhythm and so on, I will enjoy listening to it. If I hear crappy lyrics like what we hear in this new age rap; big ego men rapping about how they are the best, and how we should like them, because they got silver chains and nude female robots dancing at the side. Usually the first minute or at least half a minute goes in to that 'self-brushing their ego' act, make them feel good, and the rest of the song is about clubs, firearms, women, and how money just falls from the bloody sky. Think about it, if you have to constantly remind yourself about how good you are and let the rest of us know about it, chances are you're not that good. However, I listen to the instrumental and I wish they would have just taken the lyrics off and shoved it up their rectum and only post the instrumental, because musically it's very good. So mostly I dislike rap to some extent, or at least I block the words, and listen to the beats. Because really, if you don't have anything to say, the instrumental would do just fine, perhaps add some background harmony vocals and it might just work.

Gospel music is also good (sometimes), as long as they take away the praise phenomena. Gospel artists have one of the most powerful and natural vocals, just don't mention names like Jesus. The song was good but you spoiled it when you started mentioning JC, the instruments were nearly perfect, melody and rhythm both working fully. And why praise the lord? Maybe he is really incompetent so now he needs to feel good about himself, and he needs to hear it from an inferior species. That's similar to being a manufacturer of gadgets, and making a gadget that tells you (the

manufacturer) that you're a good person. Or you could argue that we have choice and free will, so lets say then you make an advanced artificial intelligence robot then, which can choose for itself, but it does praise you. Seems like pointless to me, of course your brilliant, you made the damn thing! As for this God figure, all you have to do is look around and you will see he's work. what kinda powerful creator of the universe needs to be praised like he had low esteem or confidence issues? Sounds like a primitive human idea, perhaps its a reflection of how much they are afraid of the unknown and scared to be stepped on like a bug. So you have to keep the big angry bull calm by singing psalms and praise, so he doesn't send fireballs down on your ass! But I don't know which is better; praising yourself or an invisible superhero? You decide for yourself. I would make myself invisible, give myself superpowers and then praise myself!

I guess my point is you can have good music without invoking any supernatural phenomena. Good music is good, and its good to the listener, that's why its good, and that's it.

Further reflection

- i. What part of a song is the most important to you? Is it rhythm? Is it melody? Is it the lyrics?
- ii. How often do you listen to music that is from a different genre than you what you usually listen to? ↗

Everything is everything

Your friends will prosper if you prosper. Since we are social beings, we share ideas, we communicate with each other, we affect our neighbors, we can cause happiness to some, harm to others, even in ways we may not perceive. The things you do, the choices you make affect others too. People mimic others, they mirror their friends, perhaps to blend in, to feel a sense of belonging. But you know that already – that one action can affect the outcome of another thing. So should you interfere with peoples lives? Well, not really. You don't have any right to impose your views on someone else. Neither do I. You can care about someone and challenge them, ask them if they are aware of what they are doing. Its a cosmic puzzle really, because nobody knows if they really have the correct path if there is any. I am just pointing out these things, I don't have anything to offer you, no revelation, no secret formula, nothing much.

The economy will prosper if the people in it prosper. Not just the big business corporations. Keep the wealth circulating, keep the resources flowing around. Pay salaries to people, so people can afford to buy goods and services (because that's the system we're in currently), which means there will be market for those services providing employment to other people who in turn will be able to afford other services which will keep the world moving forward. If only the big wealthy rich assholes take in the action, then whatever development you think you have is only localized and uneven. That will create chaos and slow down the economy. If you buy services or goods with credit instead of real money (the irony here is that there is no such thing as real money, but money is a representation of value) – you create a black hole in the economy, even if the credit card companies profit from it, the world will eventually collapse. If everyone kept of taking stuff for free, or without actually having to pay for them with real value or money, then what will we remain

with in the end ? An economic black hole cluster-fuck situation. Because that is how our world works. We create wealth from debt (debt is equivalent to less than nothing). So eventually some people will remain without. Its like having ten applicants for two spots.

Every action you do or don't do, will affect someone, anyone, directly or indirectly, at some point in time, gradually, or all-at-once. It may also in the end come and shift everything else including you – the cause of the effect. Only fools, and greedy mindless idiots have a short-sighted view of the world, grabbing everything they desire with their stinky greasy oily dirty hands, thereby destroying everything else for the rest of us. Know this then; some resources are usable and non-renewable, some can be recycled. You can not create nor destroy energy, just transfer it from one place to another. There is no rational justified reason that only a few people should keep all the wealth and the majority should suffer in a constant state of 'dreaming for something better' and doing all the heavy lifting.

People must have been stupid at some point; when they decided to give away all their power and wealth to the few, rich, to the kings and queens of the world. Someone, at some point in life, said something like this; 'Let me give away all my stuff, and make this person as my superior, and I will follow his command on whatever issue, and be ready to die for him at any time'. Or maybe it was the guy with the bigger knife who called the shots. I don't know. ↗

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15 Questions I would ask JC

If I ever, by some miracle, get to meet Jeesus Kristus (Jesus Christ, son of 'God', or for some, 'god', I call him JC), I would like to have a short conversation with him, and ask him a few questions, because, I have lots of things that need clarification, things that make no sense to me at all. If we had more time, we would visit the local pub and have a lengthy conversation.

1. Can I bring my stuff with me to heaven? Or if am going to hell, can I at least take my computer and my wine fountain with me? Hope they have good Internet connection, otherwise I would be really bored.
2. How did you come up with this design of the universe and stuff? That was cool man, although I must say, it could really use an upgrade.
3. Where have you been hiding all this time? And when people pray to you, you never say anything back, did you even listen to their prayers? Do you have a phone number or instant messenger so I can reach you? No?
4. What is it like being a Savior, you know, like a superhero? How do you handle the work load, you know? 24 / 7 people calling you everywhere, how do you do it? Is it true that there are other gods also? So, its like a competition right?
5. What goes through your head when your sheep pray to you for useless stuff?
6. What do you do for fun? Hobbies? Ambitions in life? You can't be just working all the time, right? I mean the stress must be just too much sometimes?
7. What would you do if you were in our position? You know, the whole life and death thing.

8. Must be tough being the son of a King, the Creator of the universe; How does that make you feel? They must be envying you over there in your kingdom.
9. Why did you pick this method of coming to earth, then dying, and the whole salvation business? Why wouldn't you just tell your father to forgive us for our wrongs and get over it with?
10. Doesn't it annoy you when people misuse your name while making their own selfish claims, and make a fool out of you?
11. So why did you choose to come thousands of years after the earliest of civilizations? Wasn't the world in distress even then? It's a bit too late, don't you think? What happened?
12. Many people would have wanted to know why you and your dad let us suffer for so many years, and allowing shit to happen, but I really wanna know how the universe works, and how it came into existence, was it really your dad's project? I still don't even know what electricity is.
13. Hey, what if you did me one last favor before you send me off downstairs? I saw a beautiful river over there on my way here. Why don't you turn it into wine for me? What do you say? Red, yes, thank you. I'll take pork chops and some fries with it, am not much of a fish person.
14. So what will all those people you managed to bully into submission do in this new world or paradise you promised them? I only ask because, you will have all the time in the world, an eternity to spend with them. Will they be only singing and worshiping your Father and you forever? If I was you, I'd put the fuckers, I mean devoted followers to work in farms, and make them sweep your floors too. You can tell them they're doing God's work!
15. Is there any chance you could turn the other cheek for me and forget the

conversation we just had - and tell the guy at the gates of heaven, whats his name?
St. Paul or something, to let me in. Forgiveness, remember? You said it yourself in
the best seller you published, actually I think it was Matthew who wrote that part.
Something about 7 times 7 or was it 77 times? ↗

Shit-list

A short collection of myths, unimportant questions, false assumptions, and bad ideas. And also things we may want to know, but we don't need to. So take a short ride in my roller-coaster, make sure you buckle up, because the shit is about to fly all over the place. Caution, side effects include; the urge to laugh, loss of bladder control, nerve damage and some cellular mutations.

1. 'Why are we here?' ~ Umm... so we can... die. But before that, you can do a whole lot of things, its called 'stop the fuck asking why, and live your shitty life!!'.
2. 'Where did we come from?' ~ Mars, or was it Jupiter? Some aliens dumped DNA materials on a falling meteorite, to fall on earth and boom! Here we are many years later! Or was it a supernatural all-knowing all-loving all-present God who created us, I keep mixing them up.
3. 'Does God exist?' ~ Well, yeah, I spoke to her like two hours ago, she sends her regards. After all, why would there be the word 'God' if God doesn't really exist?
4. 'What will happen when we die?' ~ Don't know, but if you're so curious, you can find out for yourself. My guess is nothing really happens, apart from biological decomposition and long distance relatives that you've never met showing up to claim the shit you left behind.
5. 'Which is the true religion?' or 'what is the true way?' ~ All of them are true. Especially to their followers. Pick your placebo, role the 'infinity-coin', its your life.
6. 'Do you love me?' ~ Yes I do, but I love me much much more than I will ever love you.
7. 'Why did you leave your dirty clothes on the floor?' ~ I did it so you can ask me why

I did it.

8. "You should not eat that, its bad for your health...". ~ Do you really think it matters which way you go out of this world? No matter what you do, you will have to learn to accept that you're gonna die someday, if your lucky in your sleep. Of course you need to be cautious so you can live long enough to enjoy life, but also remember to enjoy life in real time, as it is short and you live only once (even if your local Rabbi tells you otherwise). Whatever you do, do for yourself, as it is your life. So thanx, I'll keep eating my chocolate and drinking this red wine as I dip my fried chicken in pesto. And afterward I may choose to have a big fat cigar or inhale car fumes (or whatever I feel like), its really my choice.
9. 'Did you get the milk and chocolate I asked for?' ~ Nope, but I got the whiskey bottle I ordered.
10. 'So, you must be lonely because you have no one 'special' in your life'. ~ Actually no, I'm very well acquainted with my right hand and moisturized body lotion – we're quite intimate with each other. And after I'm done, I just click the 'Close' button.
11. 'Are you gay?' ~ Are you a moron? Or are you only a unicorn that speaks like a human.
12. I need you, I care about you, I can't live without you. ~ Well actually, it turns out that I can live without you, and I'm doing just fine.
13. I am loyal, compassionate, and patriotic. ~ Nope.
14. I'm interested in sports, cars, horses, latest gadgets, fashion, and soccer. ~ No am not, but after you buy me that drink, I might be.
15. I would never ever lie to you, no matter what. ~ I swear by Saturn and that thing around it.
16. You trust me, ergo, I should trust you, ergo we love each other and we will live

- happily ever after. ~ I heard they made a fairytale from something like that.
17. I believe everything the government tells me. I trust everything my elders and parents teach me. ~ Sometimes, especially if it has something to do with getting free stuff. I do not trust people any more than I really need to, in order to get what I want.
18. I have a good memory, so I can remember everything you tell me, my (synthetic) friend, because you're my closest friend of all. ~ I tell that to everyone.
19. 'I wanna be blah blah blah when I grow up'. ~ Ah fuck!, just give me the cash and keep pouring that wine and shut the fuck up my ears are bleeding already! I wanna be god when I grow up.
20. 'How are you?'. ~ I don't know, but I just say I'm fine so I can avoid a lengthy conversation with you about things I don't even have answers to, because then I'd have to start making stuff up as I go. And I'm terrible at that I know, then I end up looking like an idiot in front of you. So lets just skip to the part where you tell me what you want, shall we?
21. 'I only want you to be happy'. ~ Me too, but I guess we have different definitions of the word 'happy'. In my dictionary, it involves naked women, alcohol and strange substances.
22. 'Choose between option 1, option 2, and option 3'. ~ I'll take option 9. Bye.
23. 'Lets get married, and ...'. ~ Let's not. Lets first see how tasty that sandwich is.
24. 'Mum, I want that, I need that...'. ~ No you don't, stop lying to your mother.
25. Your best friends never talk shit behind your back, because you are best friends, and you talk shit with them about other people. ~ Everybody is a hypocrite.
26. People forgive and forget. ~ Yeah, they only like to say that, but they remember everything.
27. You need to buy expensive equipment to be like the pros. ~ If you have the skill,

then you have it, if you don't, then you need to practice it more, its not merely because of the tools you have or don't have. You need to explore and experiment more.

28. You need to be the best in life so that you can be happy. ~ Sometimes, you might be the best yet you might be unhappy, learn to enjoy the smallest of things in life. Or get filthy rich.
29. If you find someone special, a spouse or a companion, you will be happy. ~ Maybe, maybe not, but if they split the rent with you then its definitely a bonus. Other people can not make you happy, only you can. When are you gonna learn to love yourself?
30. 'I have to do this because I was told so'. ~ Do this also; take a stick and shove it up your ear.
31. 'It is like that because it has always been like that'. ~ Just wait till I get there, then its not gonna be anymore, because I'm gonna take a piss all over it.
32. 'I am very unlucky, that's why I never win the lottery, or anything else'. ~ Actually the probability of winning the lottery is very small, it gets even smaller as more people play. As for everything else – you're probably a piece of shit thats why you're unlucky.
33. 'Happy new year' or 'Happy birthday'. ~ I am happy if you are.
34. 'If I diet and do stomach exercises for a few days, I will loose weight and get that sexy body just like the movie stars'. ~ Yes, the first step is to dream, but you have all the real work ahead of you.
35. A smile is always just a smile. ~ A smile is simply a flexing of facial muscles, whatever the smile means is another separate topic. It could be a quick response to cover up something shameful or it could be a secret sexual gesture, who knows.
36. You can judge a person by their looks, and you can stereotype people from their

physical attributes. ~ Those individual cells and biological matter have functions to perform; none of which include making you look good in front of your friends. Often you misjudge and misread people, making you look like an idiot.

- 37.** You are in a bad mood or unavailable whenever I need you, but I should be waiting for you whenever you are in need. ~ Lets see what happens when everyone does that. Then I guess everybody else will be busy when someone is in need. Its not my duty to play along whenever you feel like it, you aren't the center of the world. Learn to co-exist.
- 38.** You are generally safe, you have covered your tracks well, nobody knows who you are. ~ Someone knows you are there, they always do. Advertisement companies are always looking for new ways to keep you coming back and giving them your hard earned cash. Wherever there is an opportunity to make some cash, chances are that there are people already working and trying to find some loopholes. Be it your Internet surfing habits, your phone conversations, credit card information, be it just walking in the streets of a big city in Europe, someone is always watching you, trying to observe and learn, hence establish control.
- 39.** 'It is that because the cover says so' or 'it is true because its written here' or 'they claim it works'. ~ False prophets, business companies, and simple liars like me, always say a lot of things. Especially if there are large sums of money involved. For example, how can you, the consumer at the end of the chain, test for a drug you bought? What if its just a placebo, or a synthetic and say only 20% effective, how do you really know? Lots of products you buy are just advertised junk put in a cool box with flashy interesting words on it. Whatever your product, the first step is to capture the attention of potential customers; that includes using useless words, flashy colors and misleading, ambiguous sentences, so you, the consumer, can use the cash you

don't really have, getting more and more in debt.

40. 'When I was sick, I prayed to God and he made me well again'. ~ When I was sick, I prayed to God and she made me well again. Then I got sick again, then I prayed again, and she made me well again. I got sick another time, and I didn't pray to God, yet she made me well again. Then I got sick again, then I prayed to God, and she made me well again. I kept alternating my prayers, at times I pray, at times I don't, and God kept making me well every time I got sick. And now here I am writing about it. What an odd parable; I still can't make any sense of what God was trying to tell me, but I love her.
41. 'The devil is a liar'. ~ Umm..., we kinda know that already. It says it in the title. 'The devil', get it? How much more indication do you need? It's not like it was just a dude picking flowers from a garden, it's the god-damn devil! What else would the devil do if not lie? He even lied about himself. Because he's not even real, he doesn't exist, but he made up himself. He's the best liar there seems to be.
42. 'I can't have a drink because its 9am Tuesday' ~ I am sure even if its 9am in your sitting room digital clock, its 7pm somewhere else. Whether its Tuesday or Sunday who gives a shit, really? Those are just days named for the sake of filling a week in the Gregorian calendar, it's no big deal. Whats the difference between one day and another? It's just all in your own preference. Sometimes even the dull cup of coffee needs a vodka shot or something to wake you up fully.
43. 'We can't be anything more than friends' ~ That's what you keep telling me, and I still find you stimulating when I take a bath alone. Perhaps you meant that we can do everything except have fun under the bed covers. It's okay if you say it straight. Its not like if you came onto me in your vulnerable time that I would act like Mr. good morals. I will still take advantage of you no matter what. But really, what you are

saying is something like this; whatever you do in this world, whatever you become, in this lifetime, doesn't matter – nothing will tempt me to go beyond the stage of 'hey, do you have an extra shirt, lets watch a movie or something', because I'm waiting for a better looking person than you. Even if the world was going to end and we were the only two people left I wouldn't cross the friendship zone. At least if you put it that way, I would get the message clearly, instead you like to use movie script language which I don't really understand that much.

44. 'Drug X is more dangerous than alcohol and tobacco' ~ There's nothing more effective and devastating than alcohol. Alcohol has far reaching effects – whether it's the car crash of a drunk driver, or the liver failure 20 years later. All in all, why not have other choices like drug X, drug Y and drug Q, people will abuse substances even if its cough medicine or paracetamol. Nobody wants to be too healthy, or live to a 100 years. How else would you take advantage of sick leave and early retirement?
45. I should respect your feelings and opinions about the nature of reality ~ This is a tricky one. On one hand, if I say I respect your convictions about the physical world, merely based upon your all-knowing flawless binary view of the world, and your masters degree in gossip and speculation, then, I'm kidding myself and I'm totally insane. But on the other hand, since I do not know many things, and I like to share my opinions as well, I would be on the same situation like you – thereby making me look like a hypocrite. The difference between us however, is that I do not try and debate scientific facts using my feelings. I would need strong evidence to support my claims. For example, If I said that I have found the cure to all types of cancer (without any scientific evidence) – that its a mixture of Russian vodka and the urine of Scandinavian female reindeer with a tablespoon of penguin liver, would you be compelled to take me seriously? Simply on the basis of my feelings? While that

maybe my opinion, it has no real value on the table (so to speak). Because if people care about my feelings getting hurt then even more people will die as a result of people trying to be nice to me. Its similar to saying for example, 'I don't believe in gravity', or 'we shouldn't take any sort of vaccination because we weren't meant to alter our bodies using drugs, instead, pray to the Lord to save you'.

46. 'Where are you from?' ~ I'm from earth, near the place with trees and buildings.

47. 'You need to dress up properly' ~ You need to STFU!

48. 'Why don't you own a car?' ~ Why don't you own an airplane?

49. 'Are you ready to order?' ~ No, I'm still trying to look for the most cheaper meal from your very confusing pricey list. Come back in ten. ↗

14 strategies for playing your opponents

1. Create need. Make them seem needed and useful. Make them feel like they matter, pretend like you value their input.
2. Use selective or partial truths. Never tell the whole story, don't give out all the information.
3. Limit the options, present them with the choices you want. That will force them to choose according to your rules.
4. Seem human. Have flows, emotions, and use kindness at times when needed.
5. Use repetition. The more times you repeat a lie, the more likely its going to become the new truth.
6. Offer solutions to problem you made up for them. Give hope, help, and you may become their instant hero, without them knowing you cause their problems.
7. Give only partial solutions. Never give out the whole trick, maintain the secret as it may come in handy later on when you need a favor from them.
8. Use an indirect approach, never ask straight for what you really want. Appeal to their values and interests if needed.
9. Play with their fears. Social and financial security, death, loneliness, public humiliation are examples.
10. Steal your opponents ideas and rewrite them. Modify anything to suit your needs, use all what you gather for you gain.
11. Whatever you plan, always plan a few steps ahead, and have backup plans in case you need them. The world is unpredictable.

12. Whatever new ideas you come up with, there's a chance your opponent has already thought of; whether they have used them, remains a question.
13. Use people's beliefs, superstitions, traditions, and dependencies to your advantage. Make a little extra money out of them.
14. Never get emotionally attached to anything, or anyone. That way you are free to focus on what matters and you can make more rational decisions.

Using those simple techniques, you can see how easy it is to con people. Now I am sure there are many more ways, but those were just examples. Some of those tricks are used by politicians, and religion. Learn to see through the stage show. ↗

WTF should I do?

So, *what the fuck should I do?* Here is a short made-up list of things I should do, or things that need to get done. I should...

1. Cure all types of cancer.
2. Build a house.
3. Kill all the mosquitoes in the world.
4. Cure HIV/AIDS.
5. Solve the mystery of the universe.
6. Become a pseudo-God.
7. Gain a stupefying amount of wealth and give it away to the poor.
8. Win the lottery more than twice.
9. Fuck two women at once.
10. Fuck four women in one night.
11. Make my own super computer from individual components.
12. Discover some simple, cheap yet useful technology.
13. Cure a disease and make it open for everyone for free.
14. Live forever.
15. If I die, I should die in a lucid dream.
16. Kill myself and make it look like an accident.
17. Buy a car, then wreck it.
18. Buy something off cheap, and sell it for twice the value.
19. Get a fucking job!

20. Smoke weed in the bus stop in front of a police station.
21. Camp outside for a week.
22. Get a date and blow it off in 5 minutes.
23. Get married and get a divorce next week.
24. Get a blow job from my favorite actress.
25. Punch Santa in the fucking face.
26. Hang out with Jesus. In a local pub.
27. Run a short marathon, naked.
28. Drink till I pass out, and wake up in another country.
29. Try my best to stop lying to myself.
30. Learn to love myself.
31. Say 'NO' to those bitches.
32. Tell everybody what's in my mind.
33. Tell them bitches where they can go – to fucking hell!
34. Discover a drug more powerful than alcohol.
35. Pack my bags and leave.
36. Tell them that I hate them and they can fucking die!
37. Remind everybody that I don't give a shit about anything.
38. Learn to channel my anger, and think happy thoughts.
39. Get a medal for staying sane, and keeping calm for this long.
40. Get paid.
41. Dumpster-dive.
42. Crash the whole economy and monetary system.
43. Drown the last of some rare and soon to be extinct species and laugh about it.
44. Throw away the bed and sleep on the floor.

45. Sell and give away all my shit and start from scratch with my laptop and mattress.
46. Get rich and famous and then quit the next day.
47. Move to another country and leave everything behind.
48. Put down the drink and focus.
49. Get checked for psychological disorders.
50. Watch naughty movies on my laptop in the bus and make sure people notice it.
51. Stop making fun of Christians.
52. Study medicine as a hobby.
53. Resurrect Joseph Stalin and the old Soviet Union.
54. Take part in a secret military experiment and then later on turn against them.
55. Clear off the borders of all the countries in the world.
56. Tell Jesus and his fishermen pals to shut the fuck up.

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Middle world

Lets focus on you for a moment. From the vast seemingly infinite universe to the smallest unknown particles, there you are in the middle of it all. I place you in the 'middle' because you are more complex than a single cell organism, but you are not more efficient than a combination of two governments working together to solve a real time crisis. I imagine myself in between the small and large, standing confused looking at the works of the worlds at large, out there, and wondering if I can come up with a single theory of everything. Yet the smallest of things which I can not see are more confusing, more unpredictable than I am. I could think of myself as a simple person then, but only for the purpose of comparison. It is important to talk about this phenomena as its my opinion that it plays a part in our lives, in ways we may not be able to imagine.

Let me expand more on this idea. I use this in theory development and strategy, and even in music composition. When I craft something, I may start with smaller details, or bits and pieces separately, and try and perfect them as best as I can for my purpose. Then, after I finish with the individual parts, I will join them up to make a whole part of the project. Then I will adjust the mix as needed to sustain all the richness of the smaller parts I joined in. In music composition, its like having riffs or tunes of different instruments, and you have individual ideas for each kind of sound, but later on, you come and join them up to make a more complete 'song', and in doing that you may need to leave some riffs out, or fine tune others so they can fit together to hold a much greater idea, which we call then 'song'. Further more, if the high frequencies are too loud, or the low frequencies are too loud, your whole song might suffer a great shift, and may or may not loose its appeal. So you may need to mix, or balance you tracks or riffs, so that everything can hold together as one song. Its not a hard idea to understand. Even a computer needs its individual parts working together.

The human body too; if specific functions fail, say like the cardiovascular system, or your neurotransmitters don't work properly, you will quickly fall apart, even if your heart works fine.

Here's why this idea is important. For analysis and comparison, let's take two views of the world; reincarnation and regular Christian afterlife. Some believe that when they die they will be reincarnated to another life form depending on some 'moralistic' function while they were alive. They view their bodies like vessels and that the soul is immortal. And the regular Christian afterlife pretty much give you one chance to find Christ and believe in him and have faith and be good (specific details may vary from sect to another) and you will go to heaven, if not you will go to hell, for eternity. simple cut out clear. Now as you might know, if we lived in a dual world situation or parallel universes it doesn't matter much which one version of reality you buy into. However if you say that we live in a singular, physical universe that is present here and now (you are in it because here we are referring to that idea), then it matters, because either one of the two views could be true. I simplified it to two options for the purpose of this argument, but in reality it's more complex. You will understand as we go on. In Short, we should try to learn from history before we dive in to the pool of absolute certainty. We should learn to look at the big picture and the smallest of details too, but only to make a better bigger picture. However, I do not adopt an egocentric view – you may be at the middle, but it doesn't mean you are special. You're not the focal point of the universe. In fact, you are almost negligible to the universe, even the earth doesn't really notice your body mass on its daily 'spinning on its axis' activity. It goes on just fine. ↗

The degree of effect

Forget your gods and alien spaceships for a moment, and let's focus on something else that holds weight with a lot of people. Do you ever hear people saying 'it was destined to happen', 'it was meant to be' or 'fate has brought us together'? Like there is some force 'out there' working to fulfill some of your fantasies while doing the same to many others at the same time, all the time. Like a divine plan, or at least an intention of the universe so you can have a place in it. I thought in order to make something happen you still had to cause the effect, to do the deed, you know, walk the walk, whatever happened to that? While that fate thing is so generous, why doesn't it bring me close to a mountain of cash? Oh yes, her and me can use some time together too, where do I send in my request? Don't tell me I have to pray for it? So instead of talking about the ideas of fate, karma, destiny, free will, and prophecy in a separate place, I will collectively put them under, 'the degree to which we have effect'. I am going to attempt to cheapen those ideas into a simple plastic bag with leaves. Let me put forward one of my arguments here, simply – nobody can predict the future. Let me expand; no one person can write down what is going to happen for sure, accurately, specifically, without some underlying theory or foreknowledge of some sort. A good prediction is such an event that is not likely to re-occur easily. That cuts out things like 'I know it's going to rain soon', or 'there will be great earthquakes and waves of destruction'. When predictions are vague and ambiguous then they have more chance of coming true, because you left a bit room on the interpretation of them. No, actually it leaves a huge shit-hole in the dark on which you can fall in to anytime. Where as for example if you proclaimed something specific like this, 'the number of people that are going to die in the train leaving at noon is 237, with 59 injured', you would win the minds of any skeptic instantly. But you never find that, do you? Even those fancy card readers leave room for what they

say, nothing too specific.

So what is the consequence or implication of saying that you can see the future? for one, that means you have taken away the individual ability to cause an effect, and that you have predicted a fixed pattern of events and human behavior, and you have ignored the chaotic state of the world. That means whatever you have predicted I can not change my mind, nothing unexpected can happen to alter my mind. The future is not a singular event as so, but rather a collection of events, at a given time. Yes you can predict human behavior, yes there are laws of physics, and biological cycles, and you can theorize what people will do, like in behavioral psychology, or in economics to predict the economic state of a country at the near future. But you're not likely to be 100% accurate most of the time.

Further more, if someone (like a prophet) tells you that he has seen the future and written it down, that means he has made you in to a robot slave which will follow certain orders and give arise to specific events which will yield that result he predicts. Perhaps when the world was much simpler, you could easily predict something, I don't know. Even when I sketch my plans or theorize something, I always account for the unforeseen events, for the worst scenario, thereby making it realistic and flexible. Life isn't that straight forward, you can't just sit under a tree with a candle and start writing how the world will look like in 20 years. I will relate to an idea I address in a section called 'middle world' – you (as you are, simply) can't even see your whole city you're in with your eyes, you can't see the whole country. The only way you could is if you came outside it to see it, or through a map or sketch. And neither can you see the very small; molecules, atomic particles, or germs. So I borrow an idea, and say that we tend to think like 'middle' people, neither too big, neither too small. Which is why some of our plans fail, we can't really look so far ahead. Self-fulfilling prophecies are also problematic. That means something like this; you say, write, or make a statement about a future state of the world, perhaps a specific idea or event, but then by making it known to those who are subject to that event, you have influenced them to act a certain way so that

it comes to pass. It can even be internally done, for example, if you said to yourself something like this; 'I wont be able to do without this item', most probably it will happen that you will believe what you say to yourself, and the more often you remember it and think it, then chances are you will be that way. But it doesn't make it any more or less true.

Whenever someone mentions fate, they say it as if its an entity with intelligence, known for its conviction and planning skills. How does fate bring you together? Does it pull your leg muscles and make you walk? Does it trick your body to increase the production of certain hormones, hence you find yourself helplessly irrational? How often do you get positive results from fate, and how often negative results? What if you never did anything to contribute? What if you just sit at the side lines? Will fate come and push you back in the game? I Don't believe in fate, chance, luck, accidents, or random events; Simply, events. No special attributions to it. People do things, events take place, outcomes manifest. Its not by accident that we are here, but the odds are amazing. We can almost say that we are extremely lucky to be here alive, in the present time, as others will never get to, and many more have died already. Its not an accident, its not a card game, it just happened, and now here we are. I don't attribute my existence to any unknown forces, spirits, or gods, but simply to people's intentions. However, I do not dwell on it much, no matter how much one may speculate about the past; its the past, it already happened, move on, focus on the present to forge your future. Learn from your past, that is all you can realistically do.

Prayer, wishful thinking and dreams

People pray for different reasons. Some to keep an open line with their gods, others to praise the gods for good things, yet others only pray when they are in 'quicksand'. Perhaps often many who think they are about to die do cite a prayer to ask God for her forgiveness and or bless them and help them out. I am sure many praying people pray for others as well. Also, a number of you do

pray (and wish) for things you are very unlikely to get, like a dream job, an expensive house near the ocean, or to win the lottery. Okay, my friends of faith, think about this; which is better, praying for something to happen? Or planning for and taking actual steps to making the thing that you want to happen? How about this; praying for good health or improving your health by adjusting to good habits and minimizing harmful ones? When your family is hungry, do you leave it up to God to help you, or do you go out and work to bring back the bread? Maybe I am being too simple, maybe you are the kind of person who does both the prayer and the deed. Like if you had an exam paper to write in collage, you do study hard, you do all the necessary preparation, and you pray also. Big difference between praying or doing.

As an objective observer, and using my own subjective experiences, I can confidently say that prayers work about half of the time. sometimes you get your bread, sometimes you don't. Further more, its like a placebo effect. It creates a false yet somewhat effective way of getting results. Because, as long as you believe its effective, then you are more likely to get what you want. Personally, I got the same results when I prayed and now that I don't. Good health, yes, at times I'm fine, at times I'm not. Money? depends on the economy and how much allowance I got, or if its salary it depends on how many hours of work you do. Winning the lottery? very low chance, but still possible. Lets take a simple example; say there are a million people playing a game with only one possible winner, without any extra forces acting upon that game, you have one in a million chance of winning the game. If the game had some preset alterations or effects to the odds, like say your odds of winning double if you are a woman, and double again if you have kids, then the game is unfair because it has some favoritism which don't give equal chance for every player in the game. Now imagine if you were a woman, or had kids, and you had fate on your side, and the gods on your side. That would be a very unfair game to the rest of the players. Pray for rain? at times it does rain, at times it doesn't. Of course there is no need to sacrifice goats and cover your face with mud anymore.

If prayer works for you, go ahead and pray and do whatever ritual that makes you happy. I found it ineffective, so I overcompensated by improving my skills in strategy and theory. Am all for using whatever tools you can to help accomplish your dreams in life. Others talk to themselves while closing their eyes and or kneeling, I talk to myself, with my eyes open, in any position, and mostly I have a paper and pencil to write things down. However, dreams are important, wishful thinking is positive, as an imagination tool. Dreams can help give ideas, wishful thinking is useful in art and creativity.

The consequence of dreaming

Everybody has dreams, most people want their own dreams to fulfill, they want to get whatever they dream about in life. Problem is there isn't enough for everyone's expensive dreams to play out. And some people are made to believe as long as you dream, you can get what you dream about. There are business companies taking care of that useless ideology. To rip off people who dream and live in a bubble. The least of the results are an economic crisis.

Imagine if everyone was happy, rich and satisfied. Wait, what? There's something wrong with that image. It impossible first of all, but that's not the point. The point is, we would be in a totally different world, and no need to compete for anything, no sad songs to relate to, people just sleeping naked on top of trees shitting chocolate and pissing wine. The reality of life is that not everybody will get their happy ending, not everybody will work in an office with gold plated floors, not everybody will get to be rich and famous, then who is gonna work for you? Who is gonna worship and look up to you for fashion tips? More importantly who is gonna clean your toilet, wash your car, farm and harvest, get the fish you like, keep your roads clean, build you houses, make carved objects, art, music, and so on. Someone has to do the dirty work you are running away from. Someone has to be poor so that you can be rich. Philosophically and actually.

So yes, the reality is like that, the consequence of dreaming is all the accumulated false hope you have to clean up with detergent you cant afford to buy, so you can be happy. Really what happens is that people move up the ladder, from smaller things to bigger things, one day you cleaning toilets, years later maybe your a small boss in a local hotel or you're running a small business somewhere. And sometimes people remain where they are, or move slowly towards some relatively higher or better place. They call it development I think. I am not against people overreaching and dreaming things, I say let people dream all they want, however, at least make realistic dreams, take smaller steps, don't leap too much too fast, unless you know what you're doing and you know the consequence of your actions.

I think people should have at least the basics. Let them be able to get food, a place to sleep and something to keep warm, water to drink. Give them something to start on, something, so that they can choose whether to throw it away or use it for something, to get something more. Perhaps capitalism is good, because it pushes people to aim for more, makes them work hard to get somewhere, whereas socialism its more people have and share what they have, so there lacks the push to leap further. And in socialism, it means whether you do something or not much at all, you still get your share in your society, its great if you have disabilities or you're living slightly beyond your means. I think its good to have a blend of both. Everyone should have a little something, just enough for survival, and the rest is up to them.

My wish-list

1. A large amount of wealth, physical and digital money. Say something like ten million Euro wouldn't be too much to ask. And a large piece of land the size of Africa.
2. Biological immortality. Why the hell should I age? Dying and nursing homes suck.

3. Seven wives, seven mistresses, and seven girlfriends. One wife for each day of the week, the mistresses and girlfriends are there so I can have secret affairs and extra relationships on the side. Every single person is unique to me.
4. A wine fountain. So that I never go thirsty.
5. God powers. I'd like to see if I could design a better universe. But mostly it would be for kicks, just to mess around create my own laws of physics.
6. A world without war, greed, religion, and government. A simple, open, free, fantasy world, with of butterflies and puppy dogs. A blissful utopia.
7. And anything else that I think of later on. My needs keep evolving.

Further reflection

- i. Do you pray? How often do you pray? If you do, why do you pray?
- ii. How often does what you pray for come true? And how often are you requests put on hold?
- iii. How well do you recall dreams? Can you get good details out of your dreams? Or is it only when you have bad dreams that you remember them?
- iv. Do you think dreams should be taken literally or symbolically? What are the implications?
- v. Would you say you are a lucky person? How often do you win the lottery?
- vi. Can you recall an event in your life that, in your opinion, merely happened as a result of some form of fate ?
- vii. What is an accident? Do you believe in bad omens, horoscopes, card readers and psychics? Have you ever had a very specific and detailed event happen to you that was foretold by a psychic? ↴

Layers upon layers

Most thing we deal with happen to be part of a larger thing, or partly related to something else. Even the origin of the universe is a mystery, because you could go back to the start and you'd still have to go back even further back to the point even your mind freezes. You feel like a slow old computer running a program in loop forever and knowing about it. It just makes you wanna grab a cold one, and call it a night. But you cant, can you? By now you know that no matter how many drinks you have, you will still wake up with a headache and sick to your bone, wondering where you and why you keep waking up like this. You feel sweet sick, but you'll live. Whatever you do, has an end point, has a point to it, even if there is no point, could be just because you can do it, just for fun. Just to see what would happen. Being brave to challenge nature and to break routine. Just one of the many ways to kill boredom. There's always a point, isn't there? Kill the bad guys, save the girl and grow old live happy watching sunsets with her, or go to school and graduate so you can find a job, or pray to God so that you may live again after you die. Whichever line you take, somewhere along your way comes death, surrounded by chaos and uncertainty, not knowing if its the end or just a shift.

Take an example of a first person shooter video game, you the subject, the character with the gun and a mission, running around, solving puzzles, hiding, and shooting back at the thugs. The game in which the character is in, is supported by the software in which it was built in. The collection of code and commands make possible the environment in which the character exists in. And all that could be on an operating system layer or emulator, or just on the base operating system of the machine. The operating system depends on the existence of the hardware to exist. The hardware of the machine is in a casing, or cover box, made to look a certain way physically, and all

that still depend on electricity to be any useful. But electricity doesn't just come from air, it needs wiring, and cables to get there. The electricity itself has a source, it doesn't just automatically generate itself. In the end whatever source you pick it has to come from the earth or a combination of the earth and something else. And the earth is part of the solar system, other planets, forces like gravity, and the sun. All that is part of the universe. They all are within the universe. The purpose of the sun is not so you can get electricity to play the video game. The sun has no purpose, it simply is there, and you find ways to use it. That's why it can still burn you, as you have no control over it. Parents have a purpose; its to fix the errors they gave their children and to bitch about their kid's failures according to their standards. Just because something is there, doesn't mean that it has a purpose, but you may have found a way to use it to your advantage, but it was always there, and it would have been whether you noticed it or not. ↗

Prison world

When you stay alive for long enough, learning the ways of the world, you pick up quickly that there are a lot of things you can not do, or that you are not supposed to do. From the time you were an infant, you were limited in your own prison, within your mother's womb. After that, you are born into the world, and you most probability will not spend too much time away from your mother, or guardian. If you have a bed to sleep in, it's shaped like a jail cell made of wood, as you look outwards, you feel like its a large place, and you can not escape no matter how hard you try. You cry for attention, and maybe someone responds or they just watch you there, or ignore you as they are busy. But you learn to play with your caretakers, making them rush to your cries, making every moments of their life very dramatic, just because you can. As you grow up, before your teenage, you will notice, as you may have, that there are many things your parents or guardians will prohibit you from doing, you will hear a sharp, annoying voice saying 'NO!'. That is one of the few words you learn early in life to respond to. You feel trapped, and puzzled, anything you try to do, they restrict you from doing, and at times you try the other approach of crying or making chaos just to piss them off. In some societies, you may hear the word 'no' and also the physical manifestation of it, so that you quickly remember that its not worth trying to do the same thing again. You learn about fear. Now the world is very confusing; the same people who are supposed to love you, also project fear and sometimes pain. You learn very fast that if you do something wrong, you may get punished for it. The idea of it I suppose, is to correct the faulty behavior so that you learn to associate certain events or actions with certain rewards or consequences. As you approach teenage, you start to learn, and you attempt to overreach, as you want to outsmart the people around you. Apart from that, you also start now to rebel against those in authority, trying to reason with them,

trying to buy them off with whatever you can. But still a lot of things you have to ask permission for, lots of things you still cant do, even if you're physically capable of doing. Some say to you that it is bad, or simply just say, you cant do it. Some families teach their children to obey authority, especially from their parents, teachers, leaders, and prophets, without question, because they know best. Which is true to some extent, but it is not always the case. Depending on where you are born, you learn a different set of rules, family values, religious doctrine, and culture.

As you grow up, you move away from that prison, to an even bigger one. You keep learning that even though you are an adult, there are still many things that are illegal, or not allowed, or considered bad, by your society. Or its just against your culture and religion. The house you live in, is a small prison where you keep your stuff, and sleep in, eat, and so on; but you pay rent for that. Each day you open the doors of your prison, and you go out, either to work or school, yet another prison, with its own rules and restrictions. And at work, you slave for wages so that you can pay your rent on the prison in which you sleep in and keep your stuff. So you can also buy food, in order to stay alive to keep working in prison, so you can fulfill some vague idea of happiness you have. The world of capitalism has made itself worshiped just like religion and culture is, making up terms like 'winner' and 'looser', so that the ants in the colony can keep working for the queen, so they can... I don't know, keep working till they die or something. Oh the glory in that; how wonderful and great it is, to be a good employee for your company. The nature of capitalism is competition – so it has those ideologies like the winner-looser battle complex, to keep you striving for the best, so the rich can keep making their profit and taking all the prostitutes and wine, living their little dream life. And you keep working in that prison for the rest of your life, till when you retire at old age, maybe you still have your bones and lungs intact, or maybe not. If you are mentally ill, or if you are severely dysfunctional, your loving family throws you in a place, an institution, or what they like to call these days 'nursing homes' so you can slowly die of old age while you stare at the empty white roof, counting the tiles, and talking to yourself, as you are forced

to play along with their ridiculous daily programs. All your life from one prison to another, what is the point of living to old age if you're gonna be a useless vegetable?

When you are growing up, as a child, you always have this delusion that its gonna be better once you get out of your prison at home. You think that you will be totally free and do whatever you want to do without anyone saying anything. But you come to find out, its not the case. Yes, sure, you get more freedom, more flexibility, depending on where you are, but its never really totally free. Maybe you stay up late than you used to, you eat more of what you want, you drink in the middle of the week, you know, small things like that. Whatever prison you are in, is partly because of the fear of power. People want to control everything around them so they can feel safe and feel good about themselves. People want to power-play around, they want to show that they are the alpha-male in the society or family. People are afraid of other people with better ideas, those who can defeat them in the battle of arguments, those who can not face the real problems and who love to dream too often too much, mostly are really just hypocrites. Delusional people think they can control every outcome in their society, they think they can guide people to follow their personal ideals, thinking they have the best standards in life, thinking that their way is the best. Happiness or whatever you seek in life is as well subjective as it is universal. Therefore there is no correct or wrong way to life. Rather ask is it useful, or it is harmful? Otherwise just have a drink and calm down.

On the other hand, this prison world is good the way it is. Because the large portion of our time we dream of ways to get free, we make plans, plot our escape, and that could have a life of its own. It can inspire people to write music, to make movies out of, it can push individuals to break the boundaries, to run away, to find something better. It creates rebels and revolutions, everyday there are people trying to test the limits of things. ↴

The end of the world

People always have the fear that the world will end. That somehow they are there in the scenario and the world, planet earth will end. In some sense, because they worry that the world will end, they will unknowingly contribute to the ending of the world through their fear, irrational choices and so on.

Here are my suggestions to how the world should end if it ever were to end, eventually I think it will.

- I hope I discover the ability to universally control time. Then I will kill myself, but just before I do that, I will freeze time, and it will be frozen like that forever and making everything useless like they don't even exist.
- If I don't discover the ability to universally control time, then I hope a black hole comes close by and sucks in our whole galaxy and the stars around it.
- If years pass without a black hole showing up; then I hope a new giant star emerges with a bigger mass than the sun, and stronger gravitational pull, so that it pulls all the planets towards it. By doing that all the planets will move towards the new giant star, on the way colliding with each other, crashing and breaking into pieces, and some will collide with the sun, and exploding and it will be chaotic like the morning traffic jam at rush hour.
- Okay, so if no big star appears, then I hope I find a way to merge the dream realm with the physical world; which will make those two worlds start canceling each other. Slowly things will cease to exist and eventually nothing will. Because as soon as I can merge them, I will declare myself God, and make my own laws of reality;

and you can suck on that!

- If that fails to happen, then I hope that viruses and bacteria evolve super-intelligence, then they decide to work together to develop a super-cluster-fuck-virus that eats everything, even sound. Then eventually they will be consumed with power and greed and they will eat the whole world and all the stars and then nothing will exist anymore.
- I hope science and technology advances so much that eventually people will destroy each other with it. Perhaps someone will discover how to create enough anti-matter to (accidentally) cancel the earth. ↗

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The end game of religion

Religion to me is a reminder of our primitive past, a collection of delusions, bad ideas, inadequate knowledge, low self esteem, hunger, boredom, the need for power and control, and a cool way to make your life more special than it actually is. In the past when people didn't have Internet, television shows, video games, art exhibitions, or titty-bars, they were in some sense bored (from our standpoint). They had time, too much time in their hands. Because as you know, they didn't have digital clocks, no tight schedules, things were more open and chaotic. The sun and stars told most of them when it was, the weather too was a big influence in their daily lives. Obviously having little experience in space exploration, some made assumptions like; the sun rotates the earth (being the egocentric personality as they were). They thought that they were the center of the universe. That is laughable now. There are exceptions. The Mayan people were steps even decades ahead of others. They tried. But there's only so much you can come up with from simple instruments and your imagination. Most of it is speculation. Having some answers is better than having none. The curiosity, the not knowing drives you nuts. I want to know why my friend died, why crops don't grow, why isn't it raining sometimes for a long time, will I ever see my grandparents again, and whats that mysterious light in the sky at night. Ignoring it wont make it go away. What if its a bad thing waiting to happen, what if we could stop it? What if we could use it for something good, to develop ourselves? Often I find myself without answers. While it may seem magical and special, there is nothing unique about the birth of earth as a planet, or the sun. Yes, the earth is different just like most other plants are different from each other. Stars are born, stars die. Quasars, black holes, hypernovae, the formation of galaxies, the collapse of galaxies, the collision of objects in space. All fairly known events. Yes, they are special in themselves, but that isn't any

more or less useful.

Why religion exists?

Religion equals meaning and purpose. Generally, religion functions to support the illusion of meaning and purpose. Its provided a drive, something like a fulfillment to the believer to have some sort of grand purpose and meaning which centers around him/her. But really, its an inflated and exaggerated fantasy.

The finger pointing game. To shift blame, to avoid taking responsibility and facing problems. Religion has created a platform where its possible to blame problems on forces we cannot see, spirits and gods. Its easy to simply say 'the Devil made me do it' or 'I was tricked by Satan', but really it was the person's own fault.

People needed unity, so therefore Sunday school . Its a social experience, involving rituals and kinship. It brought people together just like poker does.

Culture and religion go together, kinda. Its a historical and cultural phenomena, similar to language. It was and is part of life, due to problems and the lack of knowledge. People gazed at the stars at night and wondered. Imagination – curiosity led to making up answers. And whatever they made up was the best they could do at the time and its understandable. Perhaps they were bored, which then led to the creativity and kind of imagination that religion generally has. All they had was speculation whether true or false, and eventually acceptance (it was better to have any kind of answer than to have no answer at all).

Everything is about profit. Even organized religion is profitable. Making money off people is a 'survival' strategy on the part of those who rip off the devoted followers. Using guilt to persuade them, making it easy for them to give away their possessions and wages. The trick was as well to create a sense of belonging so they feel like its all for a good cause.

Social engineering 101. People in power wanted control. Its easier to divide and conquer large masses. Which is easier; to scatter everybody and empower them with freedom and diverse opinion, or unite them in slavery and rule through a singular fear?

Its fun to play God. Power is addictive, people like to have power and control. Put yourself in god's position (I know its hard, but try for a moment), imagine, you're the most powerful thing there is, you can do anything, you need not fear anything or anyone. But when you're a mere mortal, you become caged in a more humble attitude, because you know there are countless things out there that can kill you at any moment. However if you're a king or a leader, you get to exercise some form of power and control over your neighbors, making you above your mere mortal friends.

Not everyone will prosper. Keeping the masses in a fairytale was an important part, so the kings can take all the gold and pleasures of this world. And the ridiculous thing is, people often accepted being made to work for the kings, obeyed authority, giving up their possessions to some self proclaimed group of people. Kings and other authorities are merely people, but smart people who saw an opportunity to take advantage. Some through trickery, others through force. And thats just how things work.

I woke up, and there religion was staring back at me. Perhaps, religion has no end game, maybe it is 'accidentally' is as it is. Its with hesitation that I used the word 'accidentally'. But religion is driven by fear. Fear of death. And if everyone else seems to be buying in the myth (as in your friends, neighbors), chances are you will too, if you're not strong in your mind.

Give me something, anything (magical). Perhaps people were desperate to fulfill life. Anything is better than nothing. You do the best you can with the tools you have at the time. Just like the time when the wheel was the best invention of the year, I am sure people were in the same way, full of joy, pride, a sense of progress I suppose, just like we are with molecular biology and the Internet. I feel like we're being dragged backwards on this. We should update our thinking just like we updated our knowledge in medicine and computer technology.

My problem with the genesis creation myth

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. Really? How about the time just before, when he was deciding to create it? How about the rest of the universe, where did it come from? Or was it always there? Is God in the universe or outside it? The universe must be larger than God if it can contain him, otherwise he's out of the universe, and that would be even more complicated. Some may picture God as the eye in the sky, but how far up the sky? Am sure if the world was still flat, that question would make sense. Since we have a volume mass close to a sphere, 'up' is a relative term. North pole and south pole wouldn't have the same up, unless were all just on flat ground. You decide. Back to the focus, so this God created the world. Who created God or where did he or she come from? Was he always there? What does 'being always there' even mean? Is it like the big building that was always there because you were born years later from the time it was built? Surely there was a whole process involved in it. It appears as if it was always there because you can't image it not being there, because you used to seeing it there now. Okay, how about meteorites and black holes? Was God bored and decided to spice up things a little bit 'Aah, here, let's put a few black holes and exploding stars to keep things more interesting, and perhaps some big chunks of rock flying around would be great'. How about solar radiation? Hurricanes and earthquakes? I know some of you may think that this is a brilliant creation, and you look at nature and say 'wow, so beautiful', but with all that chaotic disaster he decided to add to it, or the poor design of things, make me wonder. Video game makers or designers do that sort of thing, because the game should be fun and also goal oriented, it should have a point to it, like don't get killed by the bad guys, or avoid the falling fireballs. But in real life, if you get hit by a fireball you don't get to load the game from your memory card, you can't save your game. If there is a God, and he created this world and the stuff around it, then at least we should consider that he is incompetent or

doesn't give a shit about us. It just sounds like something I would do if I had such powers, just for the fun of it, 'son of a bitch, I've never seen things explode this much!'

Now lets really take a bash at the myth. So God created man, and from man's rib created woman. Sounds poetic right? Another way of reminding women where their place in society is. And then the garden full of trees and fruits, and then there was the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden which they were told not to eat. They were told if they ate they'd surely die. Now why would God put something in the middle of your living room and tell you never to take it? Even for the most ignorant passive-minded people its a sure curiosity trigger. Or at least you may be wondering whats up with that? Was it a test? Okay, so then comes the talking snake, who tempts the woman by asking her tricky questions, in a smart way that would make anybody even more nuts. We like conspiracy, we like to hear or learn little dark secrets, we just love the gossip. Can you blame her for taking the bait? Not really. And what was the serpent doing there in the first place? Wasn't God aware of a talking snake, I mean he must have known about that. Either he created it himself, or someone else with powers interfered. So its either the creator himself put the temptation or there were other gods (Read and interpret Genesis 3:1 from the Bible). Turning yourself into a serpent is not a regular magic trick. Okay, so then after God finds out, he goes and questions them about the act, and they of course hesitate and deny and dance around shifting the blame. Straight on God punishes them, and gives them all those curses and harsh punishments including death (Genesis 3:16-19). Then he kicks them out. Now before the man and woman had a bite of the fruit of knowledge of good and evil, did they know what was good or evil? Did they understand action and consequence? Were they conscious and aware? Did they have degrees in philosophy to argue with the serpent at the same level? If their minds were closed or undeveloped then how can God punish them for falling into a well played con like that? Whatever happened to forgiveness? One strike and your out. A bit too harsh. If as a child, you did one wrong against your mother, father or guardian, did you get thrown out like that or punished forever? And don't say the man and woman weren't

children! They were children, relatively comparing to God, who was supposed to be all knowing, wise and loving. And some people do call God 'father', its not a matter of just physical age, it can be also to do with wisdom, powers and so on. So compared to God, those two were little children, also because they didn't have prior knowledge of anything, no experience, since they were the first created people on earth. Which means they didn't have years of human history to learn from, no story books for children, nothing like we do.

An additional way to look at this is; think of how their lives were. The man and woman in paradise, everything is there provided for free, pure bliss, they didn't have to do anything, no going to school to earn a degree so you can hope to get a job, no work, no building, or cold winters, and they didn't have to shop for clothes to keep up with the latest fashion, being completely free and naked. And they never knew any other state of existence because they had no knowledge and no history. Its easier for us to point fingers and blame them for screwing things up for the rest of us, because we know life is tough, it can be good and sometimes bad, and it can get even worse. Some of us think that we would have done a better job in the face of temptation and curiosity. Its as if God knew that this outcome might happen. I argue that God didn't make them choose the outcome, but was in on it, he set up the scenario, and let them choose, God knew the possible outcomes otherwise he wouldn't be all-knowing and wise. Because even we can sometimes predict the possible outcome of a situation, because humans are predictable, we have habits, and we tend to follow repetition, and we have structure, even our brain has a biological clock. That's what makes a lot of things work. If everything was randomized or without pattern or chaotic then most of our biological functions wouldn't happen. And how long did it take for God to create all the stuff? 6 days right? Definitely not. Every time your friend doesn't laugh hilariously at that idea, you should take them to the local museum where they get to see some fossils. They easily date a million years, I wont mention anything specific. Do your research, there's just too much physical evidence. Evidence is something religion doesn't have, it has faith instead. Read about evolution, don't just assume you know all

about it because your local priest pretends to know. Some people still think evolution is a theory about life randomly happening, that is not true. And they dismiss things because they are uncomfortable. There is a lot of evidence for evolution than most religious folk knows. Its your choice if you want to learn or to be ignorant – I can't make that decision for you.

Cults 101: the art of manipulation

A cult is like a religion basically, but they differ in how destructive they are. The irony is that most religions never see themselves as cults, rather they think of themselves as pure and the rest as evil. Cults and religions are similar in the sense that they are a group of people with their own ideologies and views of the world. Cults work by keeping their members in isolation from the otherwise open minded world. Members are programmed to hold the organization's interests first, and reject everything else unless its somehow approved by their leader. Its key for the cults leader to control behavior of its members, to dictate how to think, what to feel, what friends one can have. Commonly cults use the 'us vs them' mentality, where the world is divided into the cult on one side (as the true way) and on the other side the rest of the society (as evil, sinners, infidels, etc). Members of a cult have unconditional devotion to their leader. That's my main problem with groups. The group's tenants come first, individual freedom comes last.

Here are a few tricks used:

1. They use fear to intimidate you, to create a weakness inside you. Fear of death, fear of judgment, fear of punishment, fear of isolation from other, fear of the unknown, uncertainty. After creating that problem (fear), they offer a solution for it, a fix, they provide false safety, belonging, meaning, and a purpose (biased to their standards).
2. They play on your emotions. They offer false love. At least to the point they can

convert you. They offer a social belonging. Because its a group, a kin, you are fooled to feel welcomed in that falsehood. Perhaps people in you life haven't been so nice to you, then all the sudden these strangers come and offer you those things you desire. And because they are nice, you feel obligated to pay them back, giving them something too. Like your mind and body.

3. They make false promises. How nice is it if you knew after you die, you will come back again to live forever in some paradise-like place? People are afraid of dying because its a permanent biological event. Which means you cease to exist. So perhaps anyone will take the offer of life after death. Any typical religion, or cult has a basic formation like this; the world was in a state of paradise in the beginning, then from that to chaos and suffering, then redemption, and looking forward to paradise again.
4. People are at some point in their lives looking for a greater purpose, some meaning to life. This is where any typical cult bags its followers. And yes cults provide some purpose, some grand task, which is a never-ending one, almost impossible to do. So it keeps the follower busy with trying to reach this abstract state of existence, this perfection that they seek.
5. They play social games. They often use the 'us vs them' trick. They make you choose sides so you can fight this imaginary war between them and the world. And they are always right, the other side is wrong.
6. They claim themselves to be the one true way to some greater state of existence. Many cults claim that they are the truth – otherwise why would they bother being there in the first place.
7. The use of repetition. Learning comes from repetition specific to the content for example. They enforce regular meetings, and insist on daily practice of their rituals

and doctrines. All that is just to keep the followers in a neat little box, keeping them occupied with the useless things.

8. Controlling content and information sources. They can make sure your only getting whatever they approve of, whatever they see fit. Some go as far as corrupting sources of information, misquoting sources, misusing terms, and playing language tricks – twisting words to fit the cult's agenda.

Further reflection

- i. Look at different creation myths and compare them with each other. See if you can spot the commonalities between them. Try the Ancient Mesopotamian mythology, the story of Buddhas enlightenment, the Egyptian mythology, the Christian mythology, and Hindu mythology.
- ii. Think of the benefits and downsides of being in a cult, religion, or any organization.
- iii. If there ever came a time, somewhere in the future where people moved on and abandoned religion and religious practices, what do you think would replace them? Would you want to be in such a world? Do you think religion should evolve to continue or die out? Why?
- iv. How would you help someone who is in a cult? Would you attempt to free them or do you think everyone should do what they want even if you think its harmful? How would you help someone stuck in a cult (assuming the cult is harmful and you feel the need to help them)? ↴

Bible stories gone bad

Let me take a moment to blaspheme the Hebrew Bible. I think it says it in the name; 'The Old Testament'. Notice the word 'Old'; that should have been enough for the 21st century believer. The Old Testament is known for its colorful content and the lack of humor. They weren't kidding around. As you read through the pages, you're hoping that somewhere towards the end the author would have said something like 'Relax, am only joking! You don't have to stone your drinking buddies for checking out your girlfriend's ass' or someone would come out with a big smile and point to the hidden cameras just before you pick up the swords to slaughter the entire village.

Am sure killing people is a great way to solve all your problems and misunderstandings (Ezekiel 9:5-7). Stoning of people who are a bit weird and claim magical powers or make funny costumes (Leviticus 20:26-27). Have too many body parts? Extra eyes to spare? No worries, if life is too boring commit a crime against Moses and he will take them away from you (Deuteronomy 19:20-21). Someone accidentally or intentionally grabbed you by your nuts? Well fear not, especially if its your friend's wife or something, you get to chop off her hand and you don't have to feel bad about it! How cool is that? (Deuteronomy 25:11-12). Is you wife, brother, mother, son, or friend worshiping a foreign God? Bowing down to a different superhero than yours? Now you get to take care of them permanently, and you can invite others to join in the bash party where you smash them with rocks! If you have a grudge with anyone, its surely a good way to get rid of them, it doesn't matter where they live, act now! (Deuteronomy 13:6-11). Is your spouse cheating on you? If you happen to catch them in action, you don't have to listen to their excuses ever again – just stone both of them and its okay! (Deuteronomy 22:23-25). If your about to get robbed in your home by some homosexual thug criminals and they have an eye on your male friend or son, offer them

your virgin daughter instead and hope they take her and rape her all night long! (Judges 19:24-26). Are people teasing, bullying or disrespecting you? No need to endure awkward moments anymore just put a curse on them or if you happen to own wild animals you can release the wild animals on them. I would have hired a contract killer instead, but that's just me (2 Kings 2:23-25). Imagine if you were traveling across borders to another country and instead of having identification they would put you through a speech or pronunciation test, and they gave you a word to pronounce to see if you can, lets pretend that it had important significance. So lets say if you couldn't pronounce the word they gave you, you would be rejected and sent back. Do you think that's fair? Okay, lets raise the stakes, what if you couldn't pronounce the word and they could send you to jail or kill you, is that still fair? Try reading that; pseudopseudohypoparathyroidism. How about this; aequeosalinocalcalinoceraceoaluminosocupreovitriolic. Don't sweat yourself, I don't even know what it means and I don't care. (Judges 12:5-6). Did you know that if you worked in sabbath you could potentially loose your life? in that day, the 7th day apparently, you're forced to rest. Not so bad is it? (Exodus 31:14-16). Oh, and when they said no work on the Sabbath, it includes picking sticks too! (Numbers 15:32-36). If you ever find yourself in a war scenario, make sure you kill all the men, and also the women who have been with men, but keep the virgins for yourselves (Numbers 31:17-18). A day of the Lord is coming, a nice day I hope, well it depends on which end you are in, if your on his side, sure, but if your on the other side of the blade, well too bad (Zechariah 14:1-3). I don't even know how to put this; okay, girls, just don't get your fathers (or any man for that matter) drunk unless you want the resulting consequences (Genesis 19:32-36).

Okay, enough with the ranting and mocking now. Lets deal with the deeper issue. Now I know what some of you nice mild Christians are thinking - '...but we have now the new testament, we don't have to follow the Hebrew Bible, because Jesus gave us the faith and grace thing...', or 'you just chose some part of the Bible and ignored the others', or that I used the verses out of context. I assure you I have read them in context, and I suggest you do too. Yes and no, about

ignoring other parts. Yes I have to in order to highlight specific sections of the holy book to show you the kind of barbarism there is, the kind of things people either did or allegedly did. I have no problem if these things were not true or if they didn't literally happen (historically). I do however have a problem with people claiming its a best book on moral issues and gives you a good standard of life. Obviously you can see how primitive the minds of the men who wrote the books were, this obsession with blood, killing, rape of women, sometimes even men, stoning people for picking sticks on the resting day of the week, punishing people, even young kids for petty things, the need for revenge, and so on. And no, you can not ignore the Hebrew Bible if you are a Christian, because of a verse in the New Testament (2 Tim 3:16-17). And besides, its in your canon, if it wasn't that important am sure the early church fathers would have left them out. My attempt here is to simply bring some of the examples why the 4th century canon cant be it, there must be more, there must be far better books than that. I can think of a few important ones I would include; all biology and chemistry books, physics, engineering, and general knowledge books to start with. If you want to claim that morality comes from the Bible, then you are also saying that any civilization before the Bible times had absolutely no morality. They must have been killing each others' families, stealing goods from their neighbors, and performing inter-species marriages, men were falling in love with horses and marry them. Maybe, maybe not, its too general. But what you are then also saying is that from the period that our fellow men and women got this magical book they became moral, and they have been moral from that time onwards. Oh wait, that's not the case, is it ? Surely a complex subject to cover here, but simply speaking, morality isn't from the canon as some may say. The canon only accounts for a small fraction of the human history. Like really small. Am being too generous when I use the word 'history' in relation to the canon.

Further reflection

- i. How often do you consult the Hebrew Bible for moral issues in your life? If you do, how helpful has it been in solving your challenges in life?
- ii. Did you know there were four version of the Torah (first five books of the Jewish Bible) that existed in the early times?
- iii. Should people follow the words written in their holy books literally or metaphorically? Compare stoning – literally and metaphorically. What is the difference? (I know, its looks like a dumb question, especially if you're a non-believer). ↗

The Bible, the canon, and the other texts

Lets start from somewhere

Why should you take seriously a book (collection of ancient text) written by humans? Why devote your entire life to the ideologies in it? Why claim its holy? Why should anyone even acknowledge it in their regular conversation and pretend its a special magic book? I could also write my own book and claim its special. Perhaps some would say it was written by people who where inspired by God (according to a reference from the canon, 2 Tim 3:16-17)? Some translations write 'All scripture is inspired by God....', or 'Every scripture inspired by God...', or 'All scripture is God-breathed...'. But it did not say that the canonical Bible is inspired by God, it said all scripture. Because at the time it was written (around year 65 C.E.)[1,3], there was no formal collection of book referred as 'the Bible', rather there were just bundles and bundles of scriptures all over the place.

Its only later on around 4th century C.E [2]. This is perhaps one of the most important fact, because some faithful followers may still have it in their heads that the Bible is a magical book that fell from the sky, or that it was simply a collection of books guided magically by God's hand or fate with the help of 'special' men and women. I very rarely hear anybody talks about the origin of the canon, what we have come to know today as 'The Bible' or 'The Holy Bible'. It almost seems like most people (even those who know about this) avoid talking about it. There are many other books which were excluded from the canon, some lost forever. What happened was; there was a letter written by a Bishop Athanasius [14, 15, 16](in 367 C.E.) from Alexandria (Egypt) about which books should be regarded as the new testament scripture. A list of 27 books which would be the

only 27 in the new testament.

Fast forwarding to recent history – in 1945 there were 52 text discovered in Nag Hammadi (a place in Upper Egypt), now referred to as the Nag Hammadi Library[11, 12, 13]. It contains 13 codices (sg. codex). Its rather strange that even most congregation ministers know this, and yet don't see the true implication it has to everything. Its not a far stretch to imagine someone thinking right now that the devil had something to do with this, that he planted these codices so we can get confused and loose our faith. The canon that we have today came about as a result of many events that took place in the early church times around the beginning of the common era. I will expand more on this.

I will in the following arguments and points portray myself as a 'doubting Christian' (even though currently I'm a non-believer, if you like you can refer to me as an atheist). The reason is, all this information I have here I figured out while I was still waiting for Jesus to save the day. My research was meant to reassure myself, and strengthen my faith. However, it took me further into doubt and confusion. A rather radical result I'd say. And the sad thing was that (at the time), all this information is fairly known, and its not some secret knowledge (at least not anymore) that only special people have in their secret diaries encrypted with ancient languages and cave drawings, no, this was something that was available for anyone who had even a bit of curiosity and the discipline to sit down and ask the hard questions. And I felt that I needed to know. Either I was living a lie, or I was totally out of line and I will chat with Jesus about it later on.

I thereby ask a few important questions

- By what authority did the early church decide to do this? (or can every one else also start compiling scripture, or only churches?)
- In the case of sorting out scriptures, how did they determine what was accepted and

what was rejected?

- What are the reason behind for canonizing, and why have they tried so hard to hide the other books?

Here are my suggestions to possible answers

- The church acted on its own authority, and thereby making it an act of 'man' or 'government' (government = a group of people). There is no proof or evidence to suggest that the early church was under some sort of 'holy' supervision. On the other hand, there is evidence to suggest that what the church did was a reaction to what a man by the name Marcion had done. He put together his own version of the Bible, and in it he left out the whole Hebrew Bible (or Old Testament)[6, 7, 8, 18]. I gather that act sent an outrage to the church authorities, and they decided to do something about it, to prevent such things from happening in the future. Reasonable enough.
- You may be eager to jump ahead and say 'of course its the books inspired by God that were kept and the rest were thrown away...', but that is not the case here. The problem was, the scriptures had fundamental contradictions between each other, or as a whole there would be conflicting ideas. From questions about the nature of Jesus (was he man or god, or both), to questions like how many gods are there, to questions like how salvation was attained. Some groups, for example the Gnostics held knowledge more important than the central idea of faith in Christ. Other groups of early Christians believed that Jesus was just a man who became a vessel for God, and others believed that Jesus was God only appeared to be man. If you read the Coptic Gospel of Thomas, you may see that the writer emphasizes much more about the mysteries of the sayings of Jesus and much less about his death or resurrection.

Another example is the Secret book of John, which implies that there are many gods, in a way that would change everything for most Christians.

- So, in order for the early church to maintain its power and influence, it had to silence some books which conflicted with their central doctrines. Its a rational theological choice perhaps, or perhaps an evolutionary one - so that Christianity can survive as united as they wanted it to be. They saw what Marcion had done, and potentially others like him may come along and try to destroy Christianity as it was, so something had to be done, something dramatic and permanent. Another smaller reason in addition is that, the church wanted to maintain the illusion that men had authority over women; that's perhaps why they banned the gospel of Mary. They couldn't allow the image of women sitting with men on the table as equals discussing important issues.

Possible consequence and implications of the canonization

- Now that there were specific books chosen instead of others, it means that people have died in vain, witches burned for nothing, others have spent their entire lives living by those books which is now not that meaningful as you think. In other words; a different reality would have existed for most Christians if a different collection of books were chosen.
- It casts doubt, suspicion, and curiosity. Don't you ever wonder what the other books contain? What was it that made the early church authority to get rid of them and ban them like they did, and declare them heresy. What if the secret to life and salvation was in one of the other books? What if so much could have been revealed by a different combination of books which would make up the canon?

- It shows that religion had failed to stay away from politics. There was no real theological reason for the canonization, no real proof or evidence that the books rejected were really heretical and false. In fact scholars today still question and wonder the authenticity of some of the books in the canon (the canonical Bible). It's not enough for a book to claim that it was written by the writer for it to be authentic. Because there were many forgeries in the early times; plagiarism was a big problem. [19, 20]
- The truth is obscured, instead we have the enforced version of the church authority. By cherry picking and selecting a set of books to represent reality is in itself masking reality, or narrowing down the full view, which is another way of lying to yourself. Because if you don't know the whole truth, then you don't know much, and you (as Christians) will live all your life in ignorance and darkness and useless false assumptions and you may think of yourself as smart and ahead of the rest of your peers, but really you're not, it's just an illusion.

Further reflection

- Now that they could pick and choose which scripture was good and which was heresy, I thereby declare all Scripture good. By doing that it will cause chaos, and the whole thing will collapse in itself. I can also say that I am under divine guidance; you can't disprove that, can you? In fact, just the other day, God told me to write about this topic, so here we are.
- I look at all the scripture as opinions, commentary, and second hand collection of stories and not holy materials. The New Testament books were written after around 60 C.E, and after that time, most sources give a range of approximate dates [9, 10,

17]. Therefore the accounts given are not eye-witness accounts. So assuming that Jesus really did walk the earth and got crucified, it leaves a gap of at least three decades (and more) to the time the writers start writing about sayings and teachings of Jesus. This might be a small issue, but it reduces the authority and literalism of the text. Try observing an event and writing about it 30 years later in detail and see for yourself.

- There has always been this censorship of material, words, information to the public, the notion that simple minded people are fragile. The flock are just sheep who will follow everything you say, so the information is controlled and filtered. Its only those with power, authority, and knowledge who should know stuff, the secrets of life and then sell it to the rest of us. That phenomena should stop, most people can handle the reality, most can face life even though its uncertain and chaotic. If people never want to learn or to face the facts, then they will always be in the same box they are in; slaves to owners, mindless robots following orders and repeating routines and tasks assigned to them.
- Whether a book was included or excluded from the official canon, it doesn't necessarily reflect on its authenticity. There are many scholars who doubt the authenticity of some text, both in and out of the canon. So long as there is this uncertainty about the authenticity of the texts, I am inclined to doubt anything that the Bible says.
- Even if all that stuff didn't happen, even if all the books were authentic (as far as the writers are concerned), am yet to read anything in the canonical Bible that is divine. I haven't found anything special in the canonical Bible that points to a supernatural omniscient author. Vague prophecies that leave room to interpretation. Nothing written there is specific enough for it to be conclusively a single actual event.

Earthquakes? How many earthquakes have we had? Tsunamis are not so common, but they aren't rare. Any so-called prophecy could have been written after it happened, they had access to most scriptures, one could easily copy and plagiarize. Notice that there is no reference to modern science, nothing about quantum mechanics, laws of motion, relativity, not even electricity. Nothing about molecular biology, germ theory of disease, not even the distinction between epilepsy and demonic possessions. I don't know about you, but it would have been really hard to describe what an mp3 player is to a 1st century Christian. Or what an airplane is and how it works. How is it possible to talk with someone who is not really here? I mean the telephone, not god. Is it his spirit in this piece of plastic? Is he trapped inside this thing? The point is, there is nothing of that magnitude and awe in the canon. The best material they could come up with is stone people who so much as pick up a stick in the sabbath, and love your neighbor as you love yourself. What if you don't love yourself, then what? You can't force love and affection. Oh and the lake of fire thing, I bet that work real good on children. It get them straightened out real fast.

- Why written material? Why a book or scriptures? Am a lazy reader myself. If you think about it, with all the technological advances, God should have moved from text to HDTV or DVD at least. If that's too much, then I think I deserve at least a phone call! Am not asking too much here. I just don't want to talk with God's secretaries anymore. Am tired of listening to people who claim to know God, and I haven't heard anything from God. If the Christian god exists more than the Egyptian gods, then why not pay a visit to us. Why not put down the wine glass, and take a moment to talk to us in person. That's not too hard to do if god is really as powerful as claimed by many. Playing hide and seek is childish. But we all know why none of that has happened. We have felt the silence. We have felt the emptiness in the skies at

night. We have seen the chaos of the world. We have seen uneven justice. No ultimate balance. We like to look up and we pretend we see something, but we don't. There is that millisecond where we wait for a response, that tiny moment where we doubt, and we quickly move on repeating the same chant hoping for a different result. The more we chant and pray, perhaps a little harder, may be then we'll get his attention. Funny thing is we know nothing is going to happen, but the sad part is we convince ourselves to keep on going strong. May be one day. My faith is still weak.

- Therefore now, do not come to me and spout scripture, especially if its primarily the canonical Bible. If you want to use the canonical Bible in your arguments, please do add also; all the non-canonical scripture, all those texts that the early church rejected, put everything on the table. And also historical, archaeological and other evidence of the involved fields. Personal revelations, or any subjective experiences do not count as convincing evidence. Pseudoscience used by religion to try and kidnap the mind of the weak isn't so impressive. Miracles and other fancy events like seeing the virgin Mary in a piece of bread have no merit and will not even tickle me. But I'll definitely laugh. Healing people, mind tricks (like psychological suggestion) and placebo effects aren't any different from the effect of listening to good music. If you can regenerate limbs, then we have something to talk about. Otherwise be honest, let chemistry be chemistry and poetry be poetry. I have no problem with people reading the scriptures as stories, but when you start pretending that they are somehow more real than Cinderella and ghost busters, that's when I start making funny faces. ↗

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You could have been or not

You are born into this world, if you survive birth, good for you, then you have all the other infections and shit diseases to go through. Anything can happen, you could fall, suffocate, eat poison, get hit by a car, an object from space could collide with earth, you could get cancer. From one moment to the next, there's always a big rush to do something, to be someone, to perform your functions, to obey, to learn, to please, to kiss ass, to run, to lie, to hide, to make some sense of everything. Some may have planned your life from start to end, but the end is a problem, because its a very uncertain parameter. The end could be now or twenty years from now, or seventy years from now. You may have thought out everything, planned, made plans, made promises, sworn by you king's sword, made a lot of assumptions, but really what assurance do you have that its all going to work out for you? Maybe a little, maybe none at all.

How truly random and chaotic is the universe then? Is it a waste to have form and familiar patterns? Perhaps not, perhaps it is, I don't know, that is for you the dreamer of this world to gamble. The world in which you reside could shift into a state of non-existence at any moment, maybe not the end, but the end for you, as you well know the world will end (for you) once you cease to exist or you give up. You could have been just sitting somewhere going about your daily routine, and you could get hit by a car because the driver was in a hurry to go to work because they woke up late this morning, because their neighbor was making too much noise and had a party last night, because they are unemployed so they have no sense of time, and haven't done the effort to get a job, so they are just partying. You could have died at birth because of a simple mistake caused by the hospital staff and the environment because someone was distracted by something else in their life which was caused by another person who is that way because of their upbringing and among

other things. Or you could have simply been born at the wrong time, when the survival rate was very low or in a major war, or somewhere, where the local village believes in sacrificing the first born to their gods so they can get a good harvest for the next year.

The odds are what they are, but still one percent is something, and ninety nine percent is not enough, you can still hit the jackpot, or miss it. You could be smart, rich, tall, athletic, dying with malaria, whatever or whoever, still the ending is the same - eternal sleep. The only difference is how you live the time before you go to sleep forever. Whether you find the one thing or things that are important to you personally, whether you dare to dream and walk on thin ice, whether you are courageous enough to fight the battles in your life, whether you can inspire people, cause a useful change, improve or relieve those in suffering, whether you can do something that matters; is all upon you, at least partly.

Likewise if you decide to become a drone, just going in a preset track like a train, or being a slave to your master, if you're afraid to take chances, if you never gamble in life, if you just accept everything you are told, if you obey everything without question, then what are you? A stone has a far better existence than you – as a stone is useful just the way it is, and at it's fullest possible state. But you are a waste of living biological matter that has evolved over a long period of time, and has grown, survived numerous challenges, learned to adapt, experienced, all for what? So you can compete with a stone? The odds of you being alive are amazingly too small to even imagine. The twist is that, once you have lived your life, then you go to sleep forever, maybe in another state of existence, maybe in a non-existence state, or like the stone you so loved to be; but the stone will outlive you, and it will be there as it is, but you will not. Chances are you won't even be remembered after a century, maybe your children of children will hear about your tales, but after that, further down, generations ahead, you will be like you were never here. Maybe only your name will survive but mostly within your bloodline, but that's really all, unless you did something important worth mentioning in history books, or art, or music. Are you truly naive then, to think you are so special?

How many have died or not lived at all, or have done what you are doing and got nothing? How many have died in the endless search for happiness or a higher state of existence and never found it? How many have lived all their lives in a delusion, in a false assumption world, limiting themselves from much much more, because of how their society was at that time? How many still dwell in the past, making the same old mistakes made a thousand times before by others like them across history? How many still do not want to learn, to overcome the darkness and ignorance? Why do they prefer the happy ending fiction more? Why do they prefer any explanation as opposed to no explanation? Do you have to know everything?

You will not live forever, so, whatever you do, know that its temporary, everything will change and move at its own pace in its own way, you can not control everything, for you are only one person in a vast, seemingly endless, platform. Like they say, and I say too – you have all the time in the world to be whatever you want, to get whatever you aim for, if not, then why bother so much, why not just live to the fullest with what you have, taking what you want now, before it all ends for you. I don't assume too much on the long term, just temporary, short term. Its a conflict, a puzzle, what to do then? Do you live it all out now, or do you wait and plan to get it all later on? Or somewhat of both? How do you know? You cant know, neither do I. You're not even sure, neither am I. But its up to you. I have real time strategies and background strategies, along and parallel. Most of my real time strategies are of short term, temporary, and most background strategies are longer and more stable. For me, that ensures more stability at the core and yet uncertainty on the surface. Its like the relationship between survival and happiness. Survival proceeds happiness, and yet happiness can contribute to survival, even though you cant experience happiness without survival (you first need to exist, so you can experience). So survival would be the background steady function or event; and happiness would a more random, unpredictable short term function or event. There are no set rules, just your experience, and the lessons we can learn from history. Life is very experimental. ↴

Destination or journey?

Is life the final destination for you or is it a pathway to some other state of existence? Most people live, most of their lives under a guided to-do list, like everything is already planned out, written in stone, rules to follow, laws, customs, culture, traditions, and so on. Often most people try to find a normal line in which they are safe within society, so they can fit in. the key idea being safety, as in the sense of familiarity, regularity, specific patterns, a routine, be it something they fall in to after a while, or something they were told since childhood, either way, there is a tendency to attempt to set an easy, predictable, more certain, orderly life, in this chaotic universe. Being afraid of the unknown is one thing, but just mindlessly living your life waiting for something better is the more serious issue here. Most mythology and religious ideology tell us a story of once there being a perfect state of existence; paradise, then the fall of paradise, and exile of the main characters into a world of chaos. And then finally, the ever-searching for the lost paradise, to return to live in that once perfect state of existence again. And as it happens, most times, the subjects in that mythology who are to return to that state of paradise are the ones who are conscious here right now, like you, the reader. And many who support any kind of mythology, who really believe in it, are very often ready to do anything for it. That's where you get a lot of people trying to be nice so that they can get their reward of paradise. For the Christian mythology for example; its Jesus and his pals are who have the keys to the gates of paradise, that means sucking up to them. Following all their rules, praying to them and so on.

Being a scientist for a moment, or at least a rational person with a tendency to simply everything, I would look at it this way; If you buy the Christian mythology, pretty much you have two choices, either bow down and accept the reality they have carved for you, or face the consequence of disobedience. Of course its much more complex than that; for each sect there are

different rules (and sometimes even fundamentally conflicting ones) that apply. At least if any of the claims were verifiable then we would have something to talk about. But how do verify or prove such claims? Most say that you should take it on faith. Yes, it is much easier to just believe and suspend your thinking process, if everything was just ready made for you, so that all you needed to do was believe. It works well for people who are not capable of rational thinking. Similar to a computer running on software it was installed in – it can't really think, it follows the code it has. Even a simple mathematical procedure like adding two numbers has been defined and the computer has no ability to question it, as there is no such thing for it. Just like when people dream, they are plugged into a world, and they accept the dream world as if it were the waking world, because it seems as real as anything, and that is enough for the mind. Breaking the pattern is hard, knowing if you are dreaming or not is challenging, but it can be done with the power of your own consciousness, with your natural ability to wonder and question things, not accepting things as they seem to be. Instead of just dreaming, you could be able to control your dreams, to create what you want to see and feel, you could do anything, bending all the rules of physics to your own liking.

What is the point in having dreams ? What is the point of having the ability to question if you never use it? What is the point of being human (such a complex multi-cellular organism) if all you do is follow orders like a computer. Because some people do behave like they are simple living things like viruses (which have simpler objectives in life: conquer and multiply). Following false assumptions in life, and setting up your life in accordance with those assumptions is useless and may also be harmful. But everything has a price. As long as you choose your own price to pay, otherwise you will never experience life fully. Whether life is a journey or a destination, its worth living to the maximum, as it may be a special journey that you will never have again, or the final destination, either way, you should not make too many excuses for yourself. Gamble once in a while, take a risk, make your own fortune, explore, wonder, dream, question, doubt, laugh, enjoy being awake. *(Return to [Part 6](#))*

Temporary happiness

Happiness is like a cup of hot coffee. Eventually the cup of coffee goes cold, or even if you have it while its still warm, the good effect wont last all day, you'll have to get a refill at some point. In your daily life you go from one thing to the next, from feeling to feeling, trying to get something out of what you do, whatever it is.

Here's a few ways to get your share of it

1. Minimal levels of stress. Am not sure anyone can be truly without any stress, but the less worries you have the more you are free to do other things.
2. Sensory stimulation. That includes feeling, seeing, hearing, smell. sexual pleasure and stimulants. That's why sensory deprivation is considered torture, and has been used as such. For example, staying in isolation for long periods of time has serious consequences.
3. Dreams and desires. Following your dreams can be fun and also rewarding. If you don't explore your dreams in this lifetime, when will you get time?
4. Achievements and relative change. Especially in the positive direction.
5. Having meaning and purpose other than self-sustenance.
6. Result of survival. Living one more day can be nice to some people.
7. Having hobbies, talents, creativity. Great way to pass time and explore yourself.
8. Self-reflection, relaxation, meditation, prayer. I use the word 'prayer' here loosely.

Very loosely, and I think of it as more of a spiritual experience rather than a religious experience.

You can be like a monk and have positive transcending experiences without including Jesus in your regular conversation.

Emptiness

I am starting to wonder if its worth going through the troubles of being rational and analytical. Rationality is a fast way of killing off the excitement and wonder of any stupid mystery. Perhaps the reason why so many hold on to their faith is because its literally the only thing they have, without it they would be empty like me. Perhaps happiness comes from delusion. I know lies can help. I know that life is as it is, and nothing matters in the end. I know each moment is potentially our last and if we died right now that is it for us, I know being rational and logical isn't always the best approach to happiness. I know caring too much or worrying wont change anything, it will only drive you nuts.

Here's a few ways to cope with emptiness:

1. Pretend and act like you're happy. If you tell yourself something repeatedly for an extended period of time, chances are it will come true.
2. Try new things. There is no limit.
3. Instead of carefully making rational choices, make a seemingly random choice. Just for fun.
4. Take reasonable risks in your daily life.
5. Distract yourself. Do small things that you have always wanted to do. Work. Clean up your room, rearrange the furniture.
6. Watch movies, stand up comedy, and cartoons.
7. Learn something new. A language, or how to fix something broken.
8. Alcohol. Have a drink, or even better, share a drink with someone.
9. Drugs and hallucinogenics.

10. Sex, and sexual pleasure. Time to upgrade your regular routine. Just don't choke yourself to death while doing it.
11. Exercise. Lift weights. Play sports. Try Yoga, try *Tai chi chuan*
12. Listen to a variety of music. Don't limit yourself to your favorite play-list or just whats on MTV's top 10. Discover unsigned artist (there are plenty these days).
13. Quit or temporarily stop a habit or service. Drinking coffee, smoking, or chatting at 2am. Try alternatives. Create a reward system for yourself as motivation.
14. Talk to someone else other than you. Call them, or physically have a face to face conversation.
15. Surf the net. Read articles, watch videos. You'd be surprised what you may stumble into. If you don't learn anything new, at least you'll end up laughing at some silly video in YouTube.
16. Buy something new. Just don't spend all your hand earned wages on something stupid. Or you can go stare at the thing that you want but don't have enough money. That way, you have hopes of getting it in the near future, as you save up your money.
17. Play video games. They can be fun, challenging and also time passing if nothing else. On a plus note – video games have been proven to improve parts of your brain.
18. Challenge yourself with math problems, puzzles, riddles, and current world issues.
19. Read books. Try non-fiction first. If you are lazy to read like me, try find audio-books or video documentaries.
20. Do something creative. Design new ideas, sketch, draw, or write. Compose music if you can.
21. Start from scratch. Move to another place, or country. Save some money and go somewhere else.
22. Volunteer, give out your old stuff, perhaps someone can use them. Help out other

people. We have evolved mechanisms to feel good when we give to other people. We have empathy for others. So, use it.

23. Fall in love and break up. Allow yourself to feel romantic love, lust and attachment to others.

24. Try remembering your dreams. If you get good at it, try lucid dreams. You'll never get bored of playing god, destroying and enslaving everything around you.

25. Learn to play a musical instrument. You don't have to be a rock star. Its never too late to start. ↴

What next?

Now that you are free from the simple minded view of the world, from all the darkness, from the prison cell that keeps you locked in, from the mental slavery, free to form your own opinions, free to think and decide for yourself upon your own research, knowledge and experience. Maybe now you can close one chapter of your life, and make a new one, a better one, one without fear and expectations. I never make promises, or claims extraordinary things, I am not saying that your life will be now solved, far from it. You still need to figure out your own purpose in life, you need to find and make meaning from life yourself, you need to cause a change, make plans, take control, do something to help others. Whatever you decide to do is up to you, I am not interested in converting anyone to anything, not interested in starting my own alternative philosophy or religion. Let me remind you, my dear reader, I do not care. I have neutral expectation to the results my actions will cause. Its not like I don't have questions myself, or that I don't want something, or that I don't feel the need to improve myself, I do and I try to as much as I can. Along with that, I just cut out all the unnecessary heavy baggage.

There is no truth out there, unless you are referring to a specific event or situation. The truth is that there is no truth. So don't bother searching; men have searched all their lives and have died without any progress. Instead live you life, here and now, focus on the things you can do, be honest with yourself, be realistic. You don't need to be correct all the time, you will make mistakes and you shall learn from them.

Please do not write to me, I do not exist, I am simply a collection of thoughts, put forward by intention. I, me, my mind, my self, all just an expression to the phenomena of consciousness. I come to you not as a physical body, but only as a mind. So then my brethren, persecute my mind if

you so desire. I, by my nature am open-minded, mild-tempered, and strong-hearted. I did not condemn you, or judge you, I simply made available some facts, information and experience. Most of the things are there for everyone to see, but only if you look.

Get a new hobby, go out for a walk, lay down, stare at the ceiling for an hour. Live.

So what should happen?

I'll tell you what *should* happen. People should rise up, they should unite against the common disease. They should stop being abused. They should stop believing everything they hear no matter how believable it sounds. They should stop automatically trusting figures of authority simply because they have 'authority' or that they wear fancy hats and golden robes. People should stand against tyranny, against fear, against suffering, against sweatshop slavery, against child abuse. Not one person, but a multitude. If only one person stands against something the rest will just ignore him or her as just a mental case. But if many more people (even in separate locations) stand against something, or stand for something against something else, then it will matter more. But will that happen? Somehow I doubt. I think (I'm very pessimistic) people will cower in fear and conform to their groups and their social influences. Only a few with balls (or ovaries) will have the courage.

It starts with small steps. There's no violence involved here, but rather education. Spreading awareness, having debates, challenging one another to greater states of being (whatever that is for you), improving lives of those around you (to start with), helping others, and so on. You can not change the minds of people overnight (if thats what you want to do). And you should not try. Instead educate them part by part, just a little bit, the rest is up to them of course. Forget that child mentality of 'oh, you offended me' – you're an adult now (I hope). You want me to push the swing now so you can stop crying? What matters is if your arguments stand, not your feelings. Your feelings are yours, not mine. ↯

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The game of love

Bursting the romantic bubble

I used to hate romantic comedy films, instead I enjoyed the horror and thriller genre more. But these days the horror films are boring and predictable. So I turned to drama and romantic comedies. Why? Because I needed to feel something, I needed a story, I needed to be inspired, to feel good at the end of the film. Looking outside the window – its gloomy and depressing, its cold. Bloody winter. I needed an escape so I can forget my surroundings. Yet, I still have a problem with romantic films in general, or should I say with most American films. What is it? Its because the ending is almost always positive, something that can be described as 'a good ending'. I have seen too many good endings that I started to believe that maybe I too can have that 'good ending' thing going on in my life. Then I remember, shit! My life sucks. For once I wish a romantic film to end 'bad'.

Do you ever watch a film and think – does that ever happen in real life? Not the part where they blow up buildings and drive cars backwards the driveway shooting at each other, no, the fun romantic parts. Things like lighting up candles and putting them all over the room for one session of intercourse. How about throwing rose petals around the room, on the bed, along with magical scents and smooth classic romantic music? Or maybe it starts with a nice expensive romantic dinner where the couples over-dress and over-spend to impress each other, in the hopes of some action later on (for the guy), or a long term engagement (for the girl). Is it like a test? What are they testing each other for? Who's the most impulsive spender and who's most desperate? Who can find the most expensive restaurant to show how much he wants to bone you tonight? Or what flash dresses you

can or can not afford in order to deceive your date to think of you as beautiful? Whatever the case, there's always a payoff. Whether its a long term relationship to fill the gaps of emptiness and boredom in your life, or whether its just to experience something new for a short while.

In the background there are all those so-called experts giving us advice about what to do in order to 'win' a date or perhaps a longer commitment out of that date. Theres a large invisible philosophy and pseudoscience about what to say and what not to say, what to do and when, and so on. I can smell money. Whether its therapy or some women's magazine – they all cost, and you're the one paying for them. Because you have been told lies about how things work in real life, you have been spending too much time in front of the television watching mainstream American romantic comedies, reading romantic novels, and so on. Not only you watch the films, but also you think they represent reality. Films are meant to be an escape from real life. Thats the main reason for going in the cinema – its to forget your life for a few hours, and perhaps inspire your imagination. Sometimes you can get nice new ideas from which you can adjust your life, or add something fun to do from time to time. The biggest mistake people make is that they assume that the film somehow is as life is, or that the characters in the film should exist in real life, or that your boyfriend or girlfriend should be that kind of character. Because its romantic and you want it. The problem is what you want is unrealistic. Nobody is like the main character in the film you just watched. Nobody can be, even if they had the money or the charm. You are stuck in a dream.

What if I asked you to describe your perfect man or perfect woman. Think about it for a moment. First of all, theres no such thing as 'perfect'. It does not exist. An ideal man who is good looking, understanding, sensitive, caring, loves kids, has a job that pays well, is good in bed, romantic, funny, charming, faithful, social, knows how to fix anything around the house – does not exist. In reality, you might find a man who is good looking and charming, and social, but is not romantic and doesn't have a well paying job. You can also find a man who is smart and funny but doesn't like or want to have kids. Even if you happen to find a guy with all those qualities, they are

very few. Different people have different or sometimes similar qualities, there is no rule or formula for that, it just is. Just like you can not find a woman who is understanding, faithful, has a sexy physique, who is patient and flexible, financially well off, funny and so on. I could have used any other set of qualities as an example. Some people look at only a few qualities like physical attractiveness, or character, as in how you manage life, are you strong in mind, are you street smart or not. Everyone has their own preferences. Sometimes, and often it is so that those preferences are not universal. That's where the problem is. If everything was known and true universally, then most of our problems and misunderstandings would be easily put in focus, and perhaps then solved. And again, there's no rule here, no priority, everything goes. Preferences of a woman don't come before preferences of a man and vice versa. We can all demand what we want. But we should not always expect to get what we demand. Like I said there is no rule that guarantees that you will get what you wish for in life. Life can suck, and life can be okay, and it can be great. There are so many factors that influence that.

This romantic idea, this fantasy, is a lie, just like paying with credit is a lie. You can not create value out of nothing. Similarly, you can not make up impossible fantasies and expect them to come true simply because you think that's how reality should be like. Though I'm sure if you find a weak enough spirit to prey upon – they'll compromise and become your slave willingly because they have convinced themselves that you are a miracle, because previously that poor soul was very unsuccessful in the pursuit of happiness or whatever. If you do find people like that – with very little confidence and self-esteem, then it's easier to manipulate them. You can have them under your thumb.

The whole scenario is tricky, especially if no one is willing to compromise on their fantasies. But then again if you compromise yours and the other party doesn't, you become the weak spirit in the relationship. The best scenario is when both of you compromise a little bit to reach some common ground. However, since there are potentially so many people in the world, how do you

know whether or not you'll find the 'more fitting' one where you'd have the least compromise possible? Because time is a limiting factor, perhaps you do not have the luxury to wait till you find that kind of equilibrium.

It is not the burden of either side to be the one who is more romantic, or more understanding, or whatever, but it is the burden for both sides, or none at all. It can not be the man's fault if the relationship is not romantic enough, just like it can not be the woman's fault if sex is not fun anymore. Whatever the case, whatever the problem – its up to both of you to work out something, or adjust something to compensate that what you think is lacking.

The most important thing is communication. The worst case scenario is when both parties are simply assuming things about the other party and about their relationship, and thereby making unrealistic choices from those faulty assumptions. From my experience, it has always been a little too late when I learn the cause of our unhappiness in the relationship. Its always after we break up then the cause becomes known, but never before. It would have been easier to just say it before you decide to break off because you felt unsatisfied. You want more flowers? Then say it. You want more fancy dinners? Say it. You want your space? Say it. Its that easy. If on the other hand we had to guess everything, we'd be better off playing the lottery. I would rather go bet on a soccer match, because there are only three outcomes; either team A wins, either team B wins, or then its a draw. But in relationships there can be countless variable and some of which you can not possibly know of, even though there are only two main outcomes we really care about – we're either with the person or not. I am not a psychic, nobody is. Its not helpful to know what the problem was when we are already separated. So instead of wasting time playing these guessing games, I figure we'd be making love drunk or watching a film, or whatever else we do. That just seems more fun. Similarly I never expect people to predict my needs, or to assume they know me all the time till the end of time. That an unrealistic expectation. Thats just unnecessary stress. Because a person's needs can change with time.

Ever since the first of my dates or relationships, I've never been able to figure what the girl wanted from me. I only assumed things from the endless list of films I watched, and the magazines I read. Its not like I really knew for sure. And sure it would have been easier if I asked them directly what they wanted. But I never thought of it that way. I just assumed there was some secret knowledge only experts knew. The truth is, you can never know what someone wants unless you know them, but even then, you still need to collect more data from the source. Sometimes I don't know what I want. If you have ever analyzed or paid close attention to a therapy session in any reality show or whatever – you might have realized, or not, that there are always a huge amount of misunderstandings, and faulty assumptions. You hear a lot of 'oh, I thought it was because of this and not because of that', or something like 'I didn't know'. Why? Thats because of the lack of communication. Both parties, whether its the unwillingness of the woman to speak clearly and in specific unambiguous terms, or whether its the unwillingness of the man to listen or respond to the root cause – both of them are at fault. And couples therapy accomplishes that, but its kinda silly to think that two adults cant communicate with each other without the help of a third party.

Of course that's leaving out all the other problems people individually have, or couples have – the first step to solving such problems is to establish the problem, state it clearly, make it known. If you do not know the what the problem is, then how can you ever take steps to solve it? That should be obvious. Usually it is to an outside viewer, not so to the couples in question.

I am no expert in these matters, and I think we don't need to be experts to be able to learn from our past, and from our mistakes and successful attempts. This is not molecular biology. We can learn from everything we do. Instead of blaming others or yourself, its better to take a lesson from your experiences. But even if you establish something from a few relationships – it doesn't make everybody identical to what you have learned. You can never make too general statements about people. Everybody is slightly different or even a 'world apart' different from another. But there are some basic things you can learn from your past experiences. The specificity changes from

person to person. That's one thing I learned, you can not compare one person to another no matter how tempting it is to do so. Its not fair to the new comer. If you came in to a relationship where the previous person was very romantic and sensitive, and if it was made known to you – imagine the stress you feel when even you, unconsciously compared yourself to the one before you and you may feel like you need to be better than them so that you can stay longer in the relationship or something. Its fun for you to compare other people, but its never fun to be the one compared, is it? Comparisons are fine as long as they are something you do without making it known and creating the unrealistic expectation for the other person to try to fill. Because one can not measure how romantic someone was, or how nice they were, we use words like 'very' , or even the word 'romantic' by itself creates an impossible role to fill. It implies that you may never be enough, because you may never reach to that level. Its just not very helpful for anyone. If you uphold standards like that – then you are bound to be disappointed each time, because you'll never find that romantic person you're looking for.

Everybody pretends in the beginning, then after a while, until they get what they aim for – whether its a ring on your finger, or whether its just to sleep with you for several nights. After they get their payoff, they tend to become less of what they were. They don't need to try hard anymore because they already got what they wanted. Thats why the dynamics of a marriage can change a lot with time. Couples stop talking, they stop listening, they don't bother much. Instead they argue a lot about pointless things, they fight about anything, they loose interest but stay married maybe because they have children or because its too much trouble to go out and date again all over, or maybe its about money. Whatever it may be, people have their own reasons for staying in a bad marriage. And yes, there are instances where pointless arguing has lead to something productive in the end.

Fixing the broken spirit

Here's how you get rid of the junk, and eradicate the virus that cripples and destroys relationships. I listed a few points that I found useful. You'll probably find a lot of these and variations of these in self-help books, there might be a lot more, but these, in my opinion, are the most important ones I could come up with. The following can be thought of like a summary.

- 1. Communication is the most important thing.** This is probably counterintuitive for men, but you both need to say what you want and what you don't like. Never just assume things. If you never specify what you like and what you don't like then don't expect your partner to simply know them. Sometimes you need to remind them, sometimes you need to be as clear as you can. The more vague you are then more misunderstood you are, unless its your intent to be flexible and you don't need anything specific. See, if I was psychic – I would be down at the kiosk writing those lucky numbers on the lottery ticket instead of wasting my limited energy and concentration on you. Also, listen to the other person, and then acknowledge you have heard and understood them. Verbally and sometimes using body language shows that you hear what they are saying. Instead of just looking at them passively like a zombie, participate in the conversation, and provide feedback as to whether you understand or not.
- 2. Meet me somewhere in the middle.** Modify your unrealistic expectations. Don't expect miracles, don't wait for magic person to come and make you feel like heaven. Instead, be more realistic, otherwise you might as well go watch a film. What happens when everybody has unrealistic expectations? Nobody gets anything, thats what happens. Evolve your thinking or remain as you are and embrace the emptiness you created for yourself. Lets not play the chicken game. Negotiate, compromise a little bit, if you can but don't sell your soul so-to-speak. People don't always agree on things a hundred percent, sometimes you need to

give up a little bit from your side, so you both can meet at a better equilibrium, a much more productive place. Or, everybody can keep acting tough and uncompromising and see if anything will change. Your choice.

- 3. The mirror effect.** That's right, standing in front of a mirror can reveal everything you need to know. You need to dig deep inside yourself, because sometimes, *you* are the problem. Instead of simply blaming others, realize that you are very well part of the problem. You aren't that perfect, I promise you. After all it's a partnership, and it always consists of the two of you, if that's how you both have defined it as. And by '*you*' I mean both of you individually. In addition, *you* should lead by example. If you want something, then take steps to walk towards it, by walking the walk, you are more likely to be more successful than just nagging about the nice things you'd like to have. If you want a little more excitement in bed, then do something about it instead of sitting there like a queen waiting for the servants to bring you your dinner. We don't live in the fourteen hundreds anymore. Meet them half way, and sometimes you may need to take their hand and pull them the direction you want.

- 4. God is not always great.** Religion is for the religious, tradition and culture are for those who follow them. Or if you're spiritual, then great for you. For example, one race or gender isn't necessarily superior over the other. And none of that should matter or cause obstacles in your living arrangement. People could believe in rainbow-unicorns or reject the belief, but it should not impair the quality of your relationship. Because you can think whatever you like inside your own mind, but you can not expect others or force others to think like you do. Those type of relationship where one party always compromises and says 'yes dear, yes dear' – is an adult-child relationship. If the success of your relationship depends upon you converting to some belief system or upholding some ancient traditions, then it should be clearly stated in the beginning of your relationship before you complicate things. There's

nothing wrong with converting to whatever belief system for the sake of your marriage if its what you like, but it should be known and made clear at the very start.

- 5. Minor glitch in the system.** Determine the root cause and distinguish it from all the other nonsense. Make sure you know what really is the problem, or what is your priority instead of dwelling on smaller useless issues. Things like not buying flowers for you, not remembering you birthdays, or not picking up my dirty clothes are just a waste of time really. If those are the kind of things that bother you, annoying needy girl, you need to STFU and make me that sandwich I told you to make 20 minutes ago, I'm starving! No I'm kidding. Now where's my triple layer chocolate cake castle?

But wait, okay, lets clarify a few things

“That's it? Are you saying that if I follow those simple steps that everything will work out?” well, not exactly. Depending on how open your mind is, how flexible you are, and whether you have resilience or not. Same goes for your partner. If they are close minded about everything, if they are traditionalists, fundamentalists, then you'd be lucky to get through to them to make anything work. People who are close-minded, by definition, can not be reasoned with, can not be inspired to something better, because they think they already know everything and they need not improve anything. In other words, they are content. So good luck seducing a content person.

You maybe the smartest person, you may be the most understanding person, the most patient person, but if your partner is close-minded – your relationship may suffer. One of the most challenging things to do is to open someone's mind. Being open-minded does not mean getting easily persuaded by other people's opinions. So, once you figure out how to create that platform, then your relationship (or whatever you like to call it) may have a better chance of survival (if that was your goal to begin with).

You might say, how does a person like me (who was/is unsuccessful in relationships) give you advice about romance and relationships? Fair enough. Let me say that these are simply my opinions and my observations. I hardly qualify as a human relations expert. Human interaction is in fact one of the areas I struggle the most. I have many times found myself at odds against everyone else. Be it religion, culture or simple interactions with other people, I have most of the times been the abnormality in an otherwise smooth fabric.

Personally, I would go as far as saying that intimate relationships are mostly a waste of time. As in they are very time consuming. The time and the effort it takes to pretend that you are James Bond, or that you are very interesting, skillful, a charmer and a sensitive compassionate partner who will do anything for the sake of our love – I would rather not. I understand why relationships are difficult, and I am not advocating we become too soft and easy to be swooped by strangers. Its illogical for one to become always agreeable or super-nice to everyone. Because, guess what? The world is full of those who want to take advantage.

Sexual relationships are great for those who can manage them. Any kind of relationship, whatever its nature – is great to start with. We are, after all, social beings. In addition, I do not believe in karma, astrological signs, fate, or any of those pseudo-philosophical ideas that are often and mistakenly closely associated with human interactions. I don't believe that I was fated to be with person A or person B. If I happen to be with person A – great, but if not, then okay. It might be I met with person A accidentally (as in unplanned and unknowingly), and the odds of us meeting are too amazing that one might be tempted to say that it was fated. People often like to romanticize everything, however, most thing can be explained by science. I have avoided the role of biology and chemistry in the 'game of love' because it would take a whole other book to cover everything. In other words – you may think you're in control of yourself, but you're not. Biology, chemistry, those are factors that will influence your choices and your preferences (in ways you may never realize). ↗

Its all about money

Shopping tricks

Sometimes you feel like you need to buy something simply because it was put in front of your nose. Sometimes the price is rounded up to seem more attractive. At times they throw in extra items for buying some product. Example, buy a 400 € product and get 10 packets of sugar. Realize a sugar packet cost around less than 1 €. But who needs 10 packets of sugar? Yes, those who consume sugar. However do you need that 400 € product really? Does the 10 packets of cheap sugar play a role in easing your rationality and tricking you to buy that expensive item which you may or may not really need?

Another trick that gets overused is the game of numbers. Specifically the percentage game. For example, a random consumer of a random product sees that on that particular day the price of that product is minus 25%. What happens in their mind? Well, one possible scenario is that, the consumer convinces themselves that minus 25% is a good offer. Why? Because anything they can get any cheaper is a good deal for them. But, do they really need the product they are about to buy? Maybe, maybe not. Also look at it this way. What is 25% of 1000 €? Its 250 €. Okay, so if you have say an offer of minus 25% on something, what happens in most cases is that the consumer neglects to look at the original price (1000 € in this example). Fine, lets say the consumer was smart enough to know that. But the shop is one step ahead. They price their items in a tricky way, they say for example 'offer, 750 €, 25% off, Limited time!'. What happens in that situation? Unless you're aware of that small yet effective trick, you might get tricked into thinking that you're getting a very good deal. The break it down. The price now is 750 €, great, now, do you really need the product? If you

do, is the price worth it? Forget the 25% that's rubbish, it's a pointless showoff trick. Whether they write 25% off from the original price, or whether they write only the 750 €, you will in both cases still need to pay the 750 € to purchase the item. A common flawed thinking is that, since the price was 1000 € and now it's 750 €, that I am getting a very good deal. Of course it depends on what the item is and your income, and if you really need it.

Perhaps one of the most sillies of all number mind tricks is the 'minus 1 cent from the whole number price'. Example 999 €. The consumer might feel that the price is still in the 900 € range, but really it's close to and can easily be approximated to 1000 €. How about 89.99 €? It's actually 90 €, the 1 cent there is too small that you can't buy anything with it. The consumer might feel that the price is in the 80 € range, because of the number '8' in the price. Whereas if it was 90 €, the number '9' would seem higher.

Another trick used cleverly is when the seller sets a high price to start with say like 400 €, and then they pretend to lower the price down closer to what they really wanted to sell in the first place, say like 250 €. By itself 250 € is a lot of money (of course it can differ from person to person), but when the starting price was 400 €, the buyer might feel that they are getting a sale by saving 150 €, but in reality all that was staged so that you may feel at ease giving them the 250 €. This little trick can be reversed against the seller when bargaining for something. For example if the seller says something is 400 €, the buyer might bargain with the price by lowering it dramatically and saying that they will only pay 100 € for such a product, then as the seller attempts to bring that 100 € upwards towards 400 €, the buyer puts as much resistance as possible, and perhaps eventually they meet in the middle, say at 250 €. This might not always work, but it's a good trick to try whenever you can. At the very least the buyer should try to bargain for a better deal on every purchase made instead of just accepting any price that is set by the seller.

Its all in the language

How many useless products are there with cool and technical sounding names? Probably a lot. Because of the gap between technical knowledge and business language, there are a lot of misuse of terms, overstating or exaggeration of terms, and a lot of deception and confusion. Its very tricky to buy even a pair of loudspeakers. One thing is there are too many manufacturers, with several different products, with different price range, different quality (although it may not be obvious), different specifications (example, Power ratings and energy consumption), different outlook (the general feel and outward presentation). One big problem is that the consumer (unless also a technician or specialist) can almost never verify most of the claims made by manufacturers. From a simplistic view point, a consumer only sees the outward presentation, and mostly sees the function of the product (example, loudspeakers give out sound when you play music). A common flaw in thought is that products with higher price are proportionally of better quality. There is no real guarantee that buying the most expensive version of some product will give you the best experience, the most durability or whatever you're looking for in that product. Look, everything ultimately goes down to making money, making profit from an idea or product. Thats the goal of most products in the world. All the other stuff that they like to claim like caring about customer experience, and such rubbish is only language play. Yes they 'care' about you and also they want your money, so they can make a bigger profit.

Gambling and rationality

The lottery is one of the longest ongoing legal scams. Players play this game, in the hopes of winning the grand price, but they almost never do. Why 'almost'? Because there are those who actually win, most probably its one person out of all those who played. The odds are so small that

one might be tempted to round it off to zero, but that's not true. The odds are not zero, rather a small number like 0.000000167 percent, or 1 in 6 million, of course it depends on what type of lottery you play. One thing you have to realize is that having a 1 in 6 million chance of some event taking place means it can still take place, but the probability is very small. It means something like 5.99... million times the event will not take place. In terms of the lottery, it translates to perhaps one person who won a lot of money and the rest, depending on how many played – didn't win anything.

Everything is about profit

Now, maybe you know this, maybe you never thought of it, but actually, the players of the lottery are the ones who pay the winner. How? Let's say a single lottery ticket costs about 1 €. Let's also say that this time there were 5 million players who bought a lottery ticket, such that each player bought only one ticket for this game. Quick math, 5 million multiplied by 1 € gives us 5 million €. Different games will have different variables like number of players and cost of ticket, and so on. You can easily see that the 5 million pays for everything. And most probably the grand prize is something like 3 million. Profit? The remaining 2 million, minus other costs and so on. All that could be only for a single game that happens maybe once a week. Now think every week, all year long. Also consider that in this business, they have regular customers.

Why does it always work?

You ask why? Easy. You only need look at yourself. Why would you gamble in the first place, or anyone for that matter. Couple reasons: you're doing poorly financially, and you want to take a giant leap ahead. Or perhaps you want to shortcut to a boatload of wealth so you can retire and drink fancy alcoholic drinks with names you can never remember in a warm country with the

ocean view while you shake off the white sand off your sandals. Whatever your reasons are, apparently there are many like you. And thanks to that, you and your gambling pals have helped boost the economy and profits for those gambling companies without even realizing it.

Because of how shit life is, because of perhaps how low minimum wages are, because of how expensive the latest automobiles are, and because of how crazy the prices of houses are – you and your friends keep coming back each week, in the hopes of winning the grand price. So as to ease your suffering. And also so that you can show the middle finger to your boss and all your co-workers.

I got money, therefore, I am happy?

It is said that money can't buy happiness, but that's not necessarily true. And here's why. What happens when you are poor, or can't afford to pay your monthly expenses? You get stressed, and/or you adjust to live a very trimmed down lifestyle to compensate the expenses. Or you ignore your situation and you end up in an even more shittier situation and you will drown yourself in more stress and stress relievers like alcohol, gambling, drugs, and so on. But those cost as well, adding to your already expensive lifestyle and you keep spiraling down and you end up swimming in shit up to your neck. Or let's say you find a way to survive by working two jobs. The stress and fatigue of working more than one job is enough to cause your quality of life to diminish significantly. Either way, it's dramatically different from the kind of 'happiness' one has when everything is okay, everything seems to be working fine at the moment. And because of the monetary system we live in today – it is money or wealth generally that matters. Everything we do seems to revolve around money, or some sort of payoff. 'Reward' seems to play an important role in our lives. You can see it everywhere, even in religion. The basic idea is something like this; do good to others and you shall be rewarded by the Lord. Or give contribution to your church and the Lord shall reward you many

times over. That's sort of mindset is very common. Even if they like to speak of sacrifice, or give without expecting anything in return, they still know that doing that will assure them a spot in heaven (which is the reward in this case). Everything has some sort of endgame, be it religion, politics or business.

Monetary based economy and resource based economy?

Since everything has worked well for the top 1% rich people in the planet, the rest of us fight and kill each other over the remaining scraps of shit in the junkyard. But the sad part is that the remaining people on the planet have accepted this and have valued this as a good lifestyle. From history and mythology, we might have heard terms like sacrifice and hard work as traits that are most desired and valued in a society. Therefore it is desirable for the slave worker to keep working in the farm so they can bring their masters all the wealth, while they struggle from day to day just to survive. Obviously there are different presentations of slavery. Modern slavery is cleverly designed (if it was 'designed' by us as a society or by a few rich and powerful people). The modern slave competes with other slaves for the opportunity to work. The modern slave mostly worries about their own sustenance, pays their own living costs, and pays taxes. Working 8 hours per day on average, 40 hours per week, around the year, with some few holidays here and there. Depending on where you live, the situation may vary. There are those who work 16 hours a day, and then there are those who work 4 hours a day, and then there are those who are unemployed.

If I had to choose, I would rather not have politicians deciding anything important. Those who design operating systems should design the economic system and society. Middle class working mothers should be the ones deciding on the budget and scientists should be the ones deciding on what kind of research or development we should prioritize on.

Cutting it all down to size

The most important questions here are; who benefits from it? How do they benefit from it? What is their endgame? The most important points here are; you should always know how things work, you should know what games you are playing (as in, be aware that you are playing a game) and what are your odds in those games. ↗

My Vendetta

A list of things I dislike, bad ideas I oppose, my rebellions, listed in random or as they come.

(1) Arranged marriages. The whole marriage thing is an iron age tradition, I don't see the point. This whole idea that your parents somehow can dictate your life and you will just follow what they say is stupid. Yes I know parents are wiser than you are, but they don't know everything. Nobody does. So they can not possibly know what is ultimately good for me in all situations. I would rather then not exist if my life was gonna be a list of preset rules to follow and obey.

(2) Social expectations. This is a big thing for so many people, as they live their lives, or whatever little they still have. People often make decisions so as to please other, so they may be accepted by the social world. Often people choose safe choices so that their friends and relatives may see them as normal. So they think at least. A few do actually analyze a situation and make objective choices for their survival. But there is a balance. If you wish to keep pleasing people, its up to you. You might as well hang a big fucking chain and ball on your neck too.

(3) The unwillingness to question and challenge people's claims. Some people read something and accept it as truth perhaps merely because it is presented to them by some known authority. The mainstream news for example, is a big collection cooperate companies and powerful people who run them, so whatever news that gets through all their filters is directly or indirectly by their influence. In other words, you see the kind of news they want you to see, in a specific way they have set it up for you. Even if you aren't into conspiracy theories, you know from common sense that there are countless happenings, events in the

world all the time, but the news in your local television channel is barely 30 minutes long. You do the math.

(4) Christmas shopping and sales. I don't even want to talk about this.

(5) Intellectual arrogance. For example, I never claim to know everything, or that I have found some secret to life. On the other hand, am open, honest and realistic, I can admit that I don't know something. I have no bias and self-esteem issues that I would need to pride myself of knowing everything. Instead I say 'here is what I know', 'here are my facts', and 'here are my opinions'. Period. Yes, I may or may not agree with other peoples' opinions – but thats how life is, you can't agree with someone all the time.

(6) Ignorance. Its nice not knowing stuff, especially for children, hope you can get through life by shrugging off all your problems – then your problems 'pile up' to become a big fat dragons with nine heads and three tails, then you're really fucked!

(7) Superstition and blind faith. Whats the point of being human? You might as well be a spider or something else equally pointless. Its fun to believe in magic, but the bell goes off when you start rearranging your entire life according to that magic. But, you can still play Santa for a week around Christmas time and get paid good money for it.

(8) The unwillingness to look at things objectively, without the bias to self interests. Leave out emotions when making important decisions, lay out all the cards on the table, analyze everything if you can to avoid any costly surprises in the future.

(9) People who follow the same routing in life, forever. Drones are not people, and people are not drones.

(10) Lying to children. Making them believe, repeatedly indoctrinating them, to believe a view of the world, or myths like Santa Claus. At least show them a comparative view, teach them all, not just your biases. If you wanna give them presents, make them feel special, please do, just don't lie its from a big fat fuck in a red dress with a long beard who lives in

the north pole and travels all over the world in a single day dropping presents to kids! I say children, because that's where all the lies start, then it becomes normal to delude yourself with fantasies even as an adult.

(11) Politics. All the smiley faces, and campaign of false promises, lies, cover ups, suit and tie formal language, propaganda, and spinning of words. Its like your given a choice between two disasters, and you've got to select one. I don't trust politicians any more than I trust my ex-wife's ex-husband, anymore than I trust an 8 year old kid with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder in a nuclear weapon's lab in North Korea. Leaders, kings, presidents, gods, goddesses, local wise men, prophets, clerics, judges, police, the military, spiritual gurus, and psychics – all those who claim special powers or some authority over the rest. At least if they claimed authority and did something productive with the power, but no, that commonly doesn't happen. If they really solved problems, if they brought peace, perhaps I will be more welcoming on my part. Am sure a few people have tried, most have just murdered others, overspent tax money and brought more wars. Actually, coming to think of it, I don't really trust anyone, so lets stop here.

(12) People telling me what is good and what is bad. Tell me what is harmful, give me reasons, give me some proof or evidence. Don't expect me to take your word on it, especially if you work for a large company. Stop telling me that you have the best product, let me decide for myself. If its a good product, it will become obvious, there is no need of chanting about it, unless your trying to enforce something else like a personal agenda.

(13) People who try and buy me with goodness and gifts. Especially if your selling a product to me. Whatever the form.

(14) Movies with happy happy endings. After seeing a dozen happy endings and fairy tales I got annoyed about the notion. It seems like viewers just want that perfect ending. I want a sad ending. I want the Hero to fucking die in the end. God damn Americans and their

Hollywood endings.

(15) Americans and Russians. No, I don't hate you brothers and sisters, I just don't like the way you impose stuff on the rest of the world. Perhaps it's only your leaders who do that and you are innocent. I left out the Chinese and the Africans from this list on purpose.

(16) Digital money. What happened to cows, rice, and butter? Even Paper money is printed. Those who own the printing of money, world banks and so on – are the ones who own you. It's easier to just punch in the 4 digit code in your credit card than using the paper and ink version. Because you don't see how much you really spend, you tend to think little of it, thereby it's easier to find yourself overspending on useless stuff.

(17) Lending companies, banks, and credit cards. Whenever I get or hear ads like 'Hey student, are you having money problems? Get a loan within 24 hours...' I always wish they would leave me the name and email of the person who wrote the ad, so I can write them how much of a fucking annoyance they are! Yes I have money problems, but I am not taking any help from you motherfuckers, thank you. I don't need some corporate business asshole to remind me how broke I am, I already know that. First of all where do they get that money from? Do they have it laying around in case a broke student happens to need it? Or do they create it out from nothing, digitally? If you have all that free credit laying around, why not donate to the homeless people? Maybe a free lunch coupon would be of some help?

(18) Any alcoholic drink other than wine. If I am going to drink, at least I would choose a kind of drink that has some health benefits and cheaper by volume. The rest come after. Whiskey? sure, once in a while. Sure I like to taste other drinks, but my first logical, well thought choice would be red wine.

(19) Organized religion, cults, new age mystics, and therapy groups. I believe in the power of self, in my ability of being able. I know that I am sufficient. Everything else comes later. All those overly-positive-thoughts kinda groups are just plain annoying. I think of

them similar to chat groups, or the local chess club. One thing you're sure to get is a social experience.

(20) The separation of people. Whether its due to religion, culture, nationality, political idea, social class, intelligence, or gender. I especially don't care for people who think that these differences somehow will make one person better than another, or that it gives them the right to harm others. Am not talking about harm like from simply being insulted by another person, am referring to wars, mass murder and social engineering to control people. The master needs the slave in order for there to be such a distinction between them.

(21) Patriotism. It belongs to the 1950's, I don't see the point anymore. Yeah, yeah, we all love our countries, and whatever, I just need a place to stay really. So long as we are all on planet earth – I figure we might as well just be – so you love this one piece of land more than you love another piece of land, great for you, that's wonderful. And then what?

(22) Materialism. When you die, all the shit you had will remain and we will share it amongst ourselves and sell the rest. Having 'stuff' is just a small fraction of the whole picture, but its not the most important part of life.

(23) Obsession with social status, fashion, and latest gadgets. I don't mean the little indulgence in them, but I mean those people who really obsess over these things like it somehow brings meaning to life. Like their lives depend on it. 'Dude, have you seen the latest iPhone I have to get it.' Well, I don't care much about the latest thing, but I want something that works, thats all.

(24) Microsoft, and its products. I mean look at Windows Vista, what the fuck was that? Their fragile good-looking operation systems (OS) crash easily, and have a lot of useless junk with technical sounding names. Thank goodness they make such good OS that we have to buy extra virus protection software and spy-wares! I guess its a good thing, because it creates extra jobs and makes possible other companies to exist. And thank you to the

companies who decided to invest in them, making software and video games meant for their OS, while ignoring other OS. Yes, thanks a lot, I would give you a gold medal of honor, but am kinda busy now. Yes majority of people use Windows, but not everyone does. Look at how much they charge people for the damn OS!

(25) Mac and their “i” products. Apart from the fact that they mostly look completely gay, this is very little innovation in the actual technology. Their iPhones keep getting upgraded with silly functions that other manufacturers have had for a few years now. Okay, leave out all that, the most thing I hate about Mac products is that they are not affordable to regular people. You have to be well off financially to buy that shit. Just because they claim their products are slick and cool or whatever doesn't make me want them anymore than I want broccoli on my dinner plate. How about iTake a fucking iDump on your iMac and iFace!

(26) Online Registrations and sign ups. In order to use some silly service these stupid web sites want you to submit your personal information, give them your name and email, like you two are buddies now! Sometimes you just wanted to try something out, or you needed the service only once. I don't need to start an unnecessary relationship with some buggers I don't even know. Yeah sure they say, 'We do not share your private information...', and I am supposed to trust you more based on that claim? Not a chance. I can barely keep track of my email passwords and the all social tools I use, now I am supposed to register everywhere so I can get more and more passwords!

(27) Marriage. Often it sounds like a nice fairy tale, but they come with complete disasters. I don't hold any special value in the idea of marriage – any more than just two people living together, causing problems to each others, stressing each other, fighting, sometimes making babies (especially when they are drunk or horny), sharing financial problems, and... I can't think of anything more. From a social cultural standpoint; people get pressured into marriage, they are expected to marry or get married, like its was put in your

life's to-do list. Why can't those who just want to be, simple be as they are? Why do people have to assume that if someone is single that somehow they are not happy? I compare marriage with a permanent work contract. But at least with a work contract there are benefits and extra bonuses, where as in marriage, only extra crap.

(28) Spam mail and other scams. No, I do not need bigger tits, thank you. And I couldn't have won a million dollars in a lottery I never played.

(29) Online dating sites. Am not that desperate. This also comes from the underlying assumption that we need to find someone, we need to date and perhaps get married. Am fine by myself. Besides, there's a lot of porn on the Internet, and when you get tired you just click on the Close button on your browser. No paperwork, no awkward moments.

(30) Compact Discs (CD) and Digital Versatile Discs (DVD). As for audio, why settle for less while you can have more? Quality is the problem huh? Surely digital music loses some quality. But you don't notice it much, if you can listen to radio, then you can listen to mp3s. Even installing stuff using discs is annoying, especially software that come with 4 or more of them. As an alternative, flash disks and Hard Disk Drives (HDD) work just fine, however stable they may be, they can be wiped out by an electromagnetic pulse (EMP), so stay away from those nuclear plants and military bases.

(31) Virgins. Now now before we get all excited here, let me be clear that my dislike comes from the social elevation people have given them. Its as if somewhere along the line, they figured that virgins are like the purest thing there is. I strongly disagree. People can be as good or as bad even if they are or are not a virgin. Its an iron age obsession that still leaks to this century. Yes I am sure its a special state of existence for those who are, but it doesn't matter for me. I don't get to choose everything in life, but if I could, I would prefer for some unknown reason to me, the non-virgin woman for instance. Don't bother asking me why, because I won't tell you.

(32) Pointless television shows. Here I include all those silly American shows, all the stupid non-sense I get to endure from MTV, and most other channels. I guess my grudge extends to the idea of sitting and watching TV for hours and hours. The main problem with that is, your mind doesn't participate in giving any input, only receiving information, sometimes useless information. I don't mind some mindless comedy, that's different. I mean this phenomena of watching TV like there's something important coming. I am a lazy persona generally, but I managed to get the tube off my life, and I use the Internet mostly. I try and limit the amount of time I waste. So I prefer video games – simply because I get to do something in them, I get to participate, to have fun, to blow shit up, to die many times and come back! I prefer an active mind stimulation than a passive one.

(33) Milk. Yes that white liquid stuff in the shelf of any supermarket. Cow's milk is for baby cows, and not for big grown people. You stopped drinking milk from your mother perhaps maximum at the age of two, which could be one reason why the body reduces or stops producing the necessary enzymes to process milk. Maybe, I am not sure. Why do you think some people end up with lactose intolerance? But hey, I am not all negative about it, I still love ice cream, chocolate, and definitely cake! Until I find a way to substitute milk in those, too bad, I am gonna have to endure my hypocrisy and stomach discomfort. Its hard to get a good source of vitamin D and calcium, that's all milk is good for as far as I care, the rest is just water. Okay maybe some protein and fats and carbohydrates.

(34) Sex hormones. Sometimes I could use some peace and quiet.

(35) Advertisements. TV ads, Internet ads, paper ads.

(36) Cosmetic and elective surgery. Anything that will alter you physical appearance to deceive the rest of us. All those fake boobs, and Barbie-doll lips, not a turn on at all. As soon as I see fake, I go like, 'Okay... bye'. I prefer authenticity. There are exceptions to this. So, ladies, if you have small boobies, keep them, don't bother surgically altering them hoping

people will take you more seriously, they wont, because their eyes will be directed at your chest mostly, not your eyes. But if you think it will make you feel good about yourself, sure, go ahead. Just remember its another way the mass media has been able to control your life, curving you into what they want, their ideal image. Unless I am about to die I will faithfully stay away from the blade.

(37) Bodybuilding drugs and performance enhancers. If your cant work hard enough, if you don't eat properly, if you don't rest so you can recover; you're an idiot to expect your body to grow. If you never recover from your workouts to the next, you will never grow. Those magic pills are just vitamins put in fancy capsules. And the placebo effect works well here. Yeah am sure there are a few drugs, especially steroids that may work, however the side effects make them unworthy trying. Why don't you try the old fashion way and work hard before you fall in to a world you know nothing about. Everything comes with a price tag.

(38) Artists that use special effects to alter their vocals to make them sound good. If you can't sing like me, then come, lets have a drink and let those who can, do it for us. I mean if any greedy fool who looks like a star can get in the music business and make money, then let me in too, I suck at singing, but at least am honest with myself. But I have to admire the deception, because you're making money using all the trick you can use. Don't worry, I wont be buying your work anytime soon. Actually, never.

(39) Military weapons and their advancements. I really don't understand that, there are people looking for better ways to harm other people. Like is there a better, more humane way to kill other people? I am sure some of you self-righteous-war-loving people can justify anything. There is a lot of money in warfare, there are people who profit from war and weapons development. My problem is how people prioritize things. You'd think that food, shelter, and other essential services have been successfully provided to everyone in the

world and now that we are bored and have free time, we develop weapons to kill our neighbors. Oh, but that's not the case, is it? We're still whey behind on our grocery list. Why don't we spend our time investing in alternative energy before the world goes into shit?!

(40) Warfare and the military. Grown men (and now also women), running around killing people, obeying every order from their faithful commander, dying for their country or whatever agenda their leaders have. I fail to comprehend why people need to dominate others, or why the power struggle, I haven't seen a positive outcome from warfare. Its like child's play, 'mummy I don't like that bad man, he's scary and he's taking all the oil and he talks weird'. I understand the concept of defending yourself, your land, your way of life, but often politicians misuse this, they have too much control and power . People are treated like numbers, its like a strategy game, the goal is to win, the deaths of the soldiers are just collateral damage.

(41) Religion interfering with our lives. When organized religion imposes their beliefs on the rest of us, and cock-blocking important research and potential breakthroughs. Stem cell research is one example. 'Oh lord, deliver me from mindlessness and faith – make this padre disappear, so I may know peace once more'

(42) Parents who force their children to adopt their way of life, hobbies, and traditions. If a parent plays the piano, and pushes their kid to play even though the kid doesn't want to, chances are the kid will resent the parent. Introduce them to different things, you may see which ones they like, don't force your stuff on them, you're wasting your time, eventually they will grow off it and find their own thing. And that goes to this myth that children adapt their parents line of work or career. If dad's a police officer then the kid is narrowed down to the same path as if it was some genetic gift. I will include here also when parents make up rigid schedules for their kids, leaving almost no free time for the kid to just be.

(43) Looking down on people who don't have fancy office jobs like yours. Believe it or

not, you need those farmers, cleaners, construction men and women, shopkeepers, and secretaries. Because of how the economic and social systems have been designed, not everyone will come to wear a tie and suit. So chill out, it doesn't make you less or more of a person. You could have a well paying job and yet be miserable. You could be in a big company and get laid off because your president or CEO wants to make more profit. This comes from a primitive assumption that we have to be the best we can, get the best jobs and so on. The result is people end up studying their whole lives and working stressful jobs and never really taking a moment to stare at the ocean and look for inner peace. Know what matters – you won't live forever.

(44) People who can't stay off other people's lives. Really, why can't you solve your own problems first, clean your own mess before you come and point a finger at me. Because the only reply you will get from me is the middle finger. Please let me make some mistakes, let me at least have a little uncertainty, let me be able to make a decision freely, of no social influence. Just because some of you aren't happy, doesn't mean that everyone else should suffer from your personal drama, thank you. And all my self-righteous Christian friends who judge others, fuck off! Go read the New Testament again, I think you missed a few points there, you hypocrite.

(45) Radio stations that play the same 'hit' song all the time. What a fucking nuisance! I don't need to hear the same stuff over and over. Why don't you play something else, you know something good, I wanna hear other artists too, not just those who manage to sell their music and make record label deals. There's a lot of good music out there that I never hear on radio.

(46) Teachers who don't know how to teach or how to relate to people. If you can't interact with your students, then you would rather be a car mechanic or an electronics repair guy.

(47) University lecturers that treat their students like they are in high school. I feel like

you Sir are in the wrong place, I want to tell you, but am afraid it will hurt your feelings and my possibility of graduating within this century.

(48) People who obsess with things that don't really matter in the big picture. One example from the Christian community is homosexuality and homosexual marriages. I mean come on! Aren't there bigger things to worry about than what people do with their private lives? Who cares if two people of the same sex want to live together? [see #43]. You could be focusing your talents and energy on important things like discovering cures for diseases, helping the poor, finding ways to improve you lives, and so on.

(49) Free lunch with a hidden agenda. Can we skip the lunch and go straight to the issue, or if we can just have the lunch and afterward we all go wherever we came from, how about that ?

(50) Forwarded emails with stupid superstitious messages. Things like 'Forward this to 10 people within 10 minutes and something great will happen'. Or 'Forward this message to 5 other people if you love God'. And usually they put some typical overused man-made pictures of a white Jesus and some shiny lights, doves, clouds, and a picture of a cross. Show me a picture of a black Jesus smoking something, then I might think about it. I usually delete that kind of propaganda straight away, I don't even bother reading it. Its like a psychological game of guilt. It just shows how easily people can be made to do what their masters want. If there is some useful information or good jokes, sure, I will gladly pass them on.

(51) My lack of creativity to come up with another 50 or so things I have a vendetta against. The lack of balls to say everything I want to say. Also the empty memory blocks in my head that I thought contained useful information.

(52) Double standards. You treat me as an idiot, chances are I will treat you as an idiot too. You need me to be there for you whenever you do, but when I need you then you're not

there for me – thats the kinda stuff I can't do. I wont take bullets for anyone.

(53) The weather. One day its cold, another day its hot, another day its kinda cold and raining. Then there's snow. And there's snow with sunshine (thats my best). Its much better if you just had a photograph of the sun to stare at. I really don't like the snow. I don't see the point. Another useful creation of the perfect all knowing god. If he knows a lot then how comes he didn't figure out that nobody likes winter? Summers are too hot, winters too cold, real cracker jack job on the that.

(54) Taxes. Boy I hate taxes. Not just because its like paying something from your income, but because its your income, that is to say, your own work, your own spent time. So you pay something because you earn something.

(55) 'Made in China'. I find myself accidentally looking at the bottom of the plastic thing, and there are those words engraved 'Made in China'. Perhaps most electronics, and almost all plastic things, all come from what... China? Do they make everything? I feeling of doubt and skepticism goes through me when I see it on a guitar, on a microwave and on a USB stick. But we know why most products could be made in China – its because of cheap labor. Some big corporation could have found some poor hungry people and pay them minimum wages to maintain their high profits.

(56) Clothes with logos on them. Its a nuisance to have big flashy logos on your t-shirts as if you were some sort of walking advertising poster. I don't care who made the shirt, if I can wear it, if it serves its purpose (that would be for example, to cover yourself and to keep you warm), then I'm happy. You want to sell me ordinary clothes at a higher price simply because you have your company logo on it?

(57) Prophecies and self-fulfilling prophecies. Its even worse when you have vague texts claiming to be prophecy and it manages to collect entire masses of people to rally behind. Worse case scenario is when you have some so-called holy text saying something, and

people follow a specific lifestyle in order to arrive at that result. For example if it were written in some supposed holy book that 'there will be great wars fought under the yellow sun'. Chances are, you're going to find people ready in that mindset, arming themselves ready to 'support' God's will.

(58) Birthdays and other meaningless holidays. I still fail to comprehend the importance of counting an approximate 365 days offset to a specific number in the Gregorian calendar. I have no problem with celebrating whatever makes you feel good whenever you want to. But I don't get why it has to be recurring cycles. It's not like anything changes if you do that as opposed to having random happy days. Fine, I declare today 'Happy-Whatever-Day', everybody take your funny hats out and bring the booze and the cigars.

(59) Nagging. There's a difference between pointing out problems, constructively criticizing things, and just plain useless nagging. The constant yapping about things without making any sense. Women are good at nagging from my experience. Not all women, just some of them. I'd rather listen to white noise all day than that nagging woman.

(60) UFO conspiracies. I place them right there with flying Jesus and the talking snake. Extraterrestrials and weird flying objects are as appealing as rotten eggs dipped in vomit soup and cow's eyes. And again, it is portrayed in most American films that the UFOs and such, always land in America, or that it's the Americans that communicate with the aliens. I always ask why not any other country? Africa or India for example. Why haven't there been any sightings in other countries? It should be a universal phenomena.

(61) New age doctors and alternative medicine guru wannabes. Psychics also. Easiest way of tearing down the illusion and deceit is asking specific questions and never accepting vague answers. Do also double blind experiments. Most of those crooks work using the placebo effect and mind tricks. Nobody can talk with the dead, so stop giving them free charity.

(62) White Jesus images. If the historical Jesus exists, I would think that he looks more like the Taliban or something.

(63) Product names that include the word 'light' in them. It deceives people into thinking that they can have many of those 'light' products and live their lives the same way they do. Most soft drinks use that technique to help ease the guilt, but I think of it as 'light' poison.

(64) People who say that they are good now because they found Jesus. And now they want me to find him too. It can't be that just because Jesus told you to be good or else he'll grill your ass in lakes of fire that that's the reason you're good. So if Jesus wasn't real does it mean you'll be a serial killer and you'd be drowning babies in your free time? Trying to find this Jesus character is like trying to find a hair that someone dropped in the toilet at some random hotel in Europe. Its funny to listen to peoples conversion stories. They always speak of it as if they actually found the guy and went with him to the local pub for a pint.

(65) Romantic love. Yes, I have a vendetta against romantic love. Its just overrated and childish. Works well in movies and novels. And it works well in movies because they follow a common script, but theres no script for real life now is there? There is no such thing as 'soul mate', or 'meant for each other'. There is a chance you might find someone you're comfortable with, and get along easy, and connect deeply, intimately with, but its not attributed to any special circumstance or some force like fate. You pretty much bump into someone you might like, or you go on endless dates and trips to the club hoping to get lucky.

(66) Obsession with celebrities and fame. I'm sure the first few months were cool and exciting. But after a while it gets bugging. Who wants not to be able to eat out and fool around without having snapped photos of? I'm sure some of them want a little bit more privacy. Besides, so what if some famous artist did something or said something? How is your life any better?

(67) Surprises. Especially if they are big surprises. My heart can't take it. Its either from a

romantic film, or a its childish thing, either way, its not for me.

(68) An authority banning something because someone's feelings got hurt. Grow up buddy. Really.

(69) Turning something meaningless into something of almost divine importance. Look, I took a shit this evening, and I could have sworn that I saw a face of Jesus smiling back at me. Before you get all worked up about this fantastic miraculous event, think about it for a moment, nobody has really seen this fiction character Jesus, so nobody could possibly know how he looks like. What? Long hair, beard, white robe and talks nonsense you say? Thats just a hippie from the 80's.

(70) Early morning activities that have to be done outside my bedroom. Early flights, early classroom lectures, just waking up early for any reason is like a painful experience. Am not much into sleeping either, but waking up early morning is something I really hate. Its purely by coincidence that I mention bedroom and sleeping at entry number 69.

(71) Articles about living a longer life. Again these new age mystics and health obsessed people. Who needs to live till they are 110 years old? By then you probably can't even wipe your own ass. By then you probably can't remember anything for an extended period of time. Whats the point of that? Unless your mind is clear and you are functional. Otherwise you're just a burden.

(72) Nursing homes. That's what they call them, I think of them more as 'waiting to die homes', or simply, limbo (from Catholic theology). Poor grandma, she lived a great life only now to end up in some nursery school for old people. I guess when you can't take care of yourself anymore and you're such a blast to be with, so your children, with love, dump you there to rot. Happens mostly in the Western world, as people are too busy with their daily lives.

(73) Medals and trophies. Let me help you translate what a war medal is; its a

representation of your unconditional devotion to your master's orders and your efficiency in murdering other people simply because you were told to. We all like gifts and fancy metal sculptures with important sounding words we can't pronounce.

(74) Government officials and presidents. Problem is people pay too much attention to them, as if they are some form of all knowing all wise divinity. Presidents are just people who wear more expensive clothes and make a lot of speeches and sound official. Its amazing how people believe anything their kings and leaders say to them.

(75) The flu. Why doesn't the influenza virus and its relatives just tell us what they want from us, instead of just messing around with our heads and noses, making us look weak and stuff. What the point of the runny noses, just send in your demands so we can figure how to start paying up.

(76) Having to pay too much for some simple technology. Ever wonder why there are too many versions of some technology, and why so many things aren't compatible with each other? That's because people want you to pay more for all the rest of the goodies. Well, am tired of that, if simple technologies cant be provided then you can take them and shove them up your rear. That goes for all those hardware that are picky about what kinda OS they run on, and all the cool looking equipment that have ten different versions with minor technical changes that cost a lot. Its not too difficult to include most basic and useful functions in one product, why do we have to have ten different products that are very similar, that's just a waste of time and resources.

(77) Places where they sell products for twice or more the price of other places. What is the point? You think just because your store goes by some fancy name that you will manage to pull off stunts like that? Naturally, if I see a cheaper price at another store, I will go for the cheaper price. That includes even bars and hotels that sell expensive drinks. What advantage would it give me if I decided to buy the most expensive wines or champagnes?

It's not like I'll get drunk anymore faster, its not like the high will last for a week. Even if you put an extra t-shirt as a bonus for buying your shitty product – its not going to make me want to buy it anymore than if you didn't put that stupid t-shirt.

(78) Meat farms. Yes, those nice humane places where the chicken suffocate in their own shit, as they lay eggs for us while the inject them with antibiotics and other nice drugs and hope they don't catch any diseases and stuff. But hey, whats the fuss – gotta feed the masses in the most cheapest way possible right?

(79) Women. Sometimes I wonder why I even bother with women. The shit I have to put up with and the things I get in return. With all the yapping, nagging, whining, complaining and bitching, its no wonder I get a headache each time you open your mouth. First you want this, this and that, then after a while its not good enough for you, you start running your stupid mouth like you deserve more. And thats the time I wanna slap you or strangle you. But I cant, I'm not that guy. My weakness is trying to be too nice, well fuck that, no more nice self-sacrificing guy who does good shit for you. So woman, now that I have your attention, take a pen and paper, then write down all the shit you want and all the shit you don't want – so I don't have to waste my time guessing things and tiptoeing around your stupid ass. I'm just curious, who the hell put you on top of the world? The bloody hell where does it say that you are the center of the god damn universe? Now, I'm all for equality, equal right, whatever, but – vagina does not take priority over penis. The two work together if you haven't noticed you dumb cow. And you wonder why you don't meet the guy of your dreams. Its because nobody wants to be near your fucking shit. Nobody with enough self respect and a will to live could be that stupid or desperate to come close to you, because you are like poisonous radiation from a nuclear bomb (if you don't die right away, you'll die 20 years later from cancer or heart failure). Its just because I'm pathetic that I stick around you, its not because I love you or I have nothing better to do, I do, I could be taking a shit instead

or playing video games or just staring at the rain while chanting ten thousand verses of a poem written in a dead language. The best solution is to ignore you, you woman who complains a lot and never is satisfied with anything in life and yet you want to be loved by a prince or some rich guy who owns six companies and ten houses and that has several private jets and a horse. So, fuck you – I'm not a mind-reader, if you want something you have to say it in a plain understandable language like English or whatever you speak, better yet, write it down and nail it to the wall. Because I'm not that guy who lies awake at night wondering what gift I should buy you so that you can love me (and by 'love' I mean open your legs whenever I want you to). Oh my, what should I do to keep you interested, or what meaningless words do I have to repeat so you can get over your insecurities and stop whining about shit so I can concentrate on the 'Dirty Hot MILF gets it hard part 3' movie that I'm trying to watch so that I get distracted enough to forget that I wanted to murder you. Because if we're dating, I'm not getting you shit so that I can validate our so-called relationship. And if you managed to trick me into marriage by some miracle or we stay together – I'm not getting you more shit to show you how much I care about you. Bitch look, here, the lights work, yes, its called electricity, theres food in the fridge, you got clothes on, what more do you want? If you want something, go buy it yourself, you know where the store is. If you were looking for something romantic – go watch a romantic film or read a romantic novel, it might help level your out of control female hormones. Romantic shit don't work in real life, nobody really does that stuff, nobody can afford to take you to the moon or buy you a private island, or give up the drug trade for your ass. If you cant appreciate the small things in life, then fuck off – you can go play with your vibrator instead. And since Brad Pitt hasn't asked you out yet – you're stuck with me. Now that thats out of the way – you can go back to where you came from – the kitchen – and while you're there, you can make me something to eat. And get me another bottle of red wine.

(80) Passive activism. How does caring about the sick help the sick? How does not throwing food away help those who are starving thousands of miles away? Is your stomach going to send invisible love signals to them, so that they may feel full as well? Whether you eat or not is upon you, whether you excrete fecal matter of the food you ate or simply throw the food in the trash is only upon your wallet. Simply saying things, simply praying or simply not doing something does not help anybody but you yourself. Its a selfish act to make yourself feel good so you can sleep better at night. Those in need will still be there, those who are suffering will still be suffering whether you pray or think about them. The much more useful solution is to actually do something. Whether its by a collective effort to contribute something, or by you physically being there to assist those in need. If everybody simply prayed for those in need, then nothing would ever change in this world. You might as well just go to sleep, the effect is the same.

(81) Job experience. Usually, the dream job applicant is the one with quite an amount of experience. Where do you get job experience from? A fucking job! Yes. But to get the job they expect you to have experience. And where do you get the experience from? Exactly. Now I start to feel like my head is spinning and its not because of all the hard liquor I just had, its from the 'infinite-loop' caused by all the nonsense logic here.

(82) Lawmakers trying to create laws to ban or restrict certain things that you can not realistically control. Whether its to ban texting while walking, or to put labels on video games, or whether its to make it a crime to criticize other people's religion – its all pointless to do so. Nobody needs nannies. People can do whatever they want with their bodies. People should be able to say what they think.

(83) Government and world banks bailing out big companies when they are in trouble because they made a series of bad choices driven by greed and profit. Using our tax money or made up credit to save the giant corporations while the common folk starves and

struggles with their payments. We all know when you go and give money to those big companies that CEO and president are just pocketing more bonuses for themselves and essentially extending the clusterfuck in the economy. Everyone's debt should be wiped clean then, not just those big shot assholes with fancy cars and ten houses. Because really the economy went to shit because of you assholes, not us. We were just pawns in a larger game.

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